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Lane closures on I-80 in La Salle through June

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that there will be temporary lane closures on Interstate 80 in La Salle as part of work to finish the completion of a \$16.38 million bridge repair project. The closures will be between the Interstate 39 interchange (exit 79) and the Illinois 251 interchange (exit 75).

The closures are necessary to remove crossovers and perform electrical work and landscaping. At least one lane in each direction will remain open at all times and the ramps will not be impacted. All work is expected to be complete by early June.

The bridge repair project replaced beams and the deck on the bridges carrying I-80 over the Little Vermilion River east of the Illinois 351 interchange (exit 77), and repaired bridges carrying I-80 over E. 3rd Road and Raccuglia Drive. The all lanes of the project were opened in December.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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