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U.S. 34 bridge work in Mendota begins March 28

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that work to repair the U.S. 34 bridge crossing Interstate 39/U.S. 51 at exit 72 in Mendota will begin Monday, March 28. There will be some short-term lane closures on both directions of I-39 at the start of the project.

Work will preserve the life of the bridge by replacing expansion joints and applying a latex overlay onto the bridge deck. Also, the shoulders will be resurfaced and the slope wall will be replaced. One lane of traffic will be maintained on U.S. 34 at the bridge, and traffic on the highway and I-39 exit ramps will be controlled with traffic signals. The \$1.08 million project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

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 in improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway and 270 bridges along with 428 additional safety improvements.

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