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Illinois 251 bridge in Ogle County closes March 18

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction work on the Illinois 251 bridge crossing the Soo Line Railroad will begin on Friday, March 18. The bridge is located just south of Illinois 72 in Davis Junction.

The bridge will be closed during the project, which includes replacing the bridge deck and other repairs. A marked detour will direct traffic to utilize Illinois 64, Interstate 39 and Illinois 72. Helm Civil of Freeport is the contractor of the \$2,189,925 project, which is expected to be completed by Oct. 1.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. 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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