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U.S. 20/Illinois 84 construction begins April 4 *2-year, \$31 million Galena project adds lane and path*

GALENA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, a two-year reconstruction project on U.S. 20/Illinois 84 (Spring Street) in Galena will begin Monday, April 4. The work will make improvements from Gear Street to Main and Bench streets.

The first stage of the project will install new storm and sanitary sewers, water mains, pavement, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks on Bench Street. This work will require the closing of Bench Street from U.S. 20/Illinois 84 to Gear Street. Traffic on U.S. 20/Illinois 84 and Main Street will not be affected during this construction stage, which is anticipated to take two months to complete.

The multi-year reconstruction project will include expanding U.S. 20/Illinois 84 from two to three lanes, new curbs and gutters, new storm sewers, new sidewalks and shared use path, relocated water and sanitary facilities, and retaining walls. This \$31 million project is anticipated to be completed by fall 2024.

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

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