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Old Business U.S. 51 resurfacing in Decatur begins Sept. 12

DECATUR – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that a 6-mile resurfacing project on Old Business U.S. 51/South Business Route 51, from U.S. 51 south of Elwin to Cleveland Avenue in Decatur begins Monday, Sept. 12.

The work will reduce Old U.S. 51 to one lane in each direction at times, with traffic control utilizing dynamic message signs, arrow boards, spotters and barricades. The project includes resurfacing, curb and median repairs, and bridge repairs. The bridges at the Illinois 105 intersection will have their joints replaced and a deck overlay. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during these repairs. Benefits from the project include providing a smoother road surface and improving pedestrian safety.

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 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 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 Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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