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## Bridge over I-55 at Elkhart to close May 1

**ELKHART** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the Logan County Road 10/Kennedy Road bridge over Interstate 55 at the Elkhart interchange (exit 115) will be removed and replaced with a new concrete bridge deck. Additionally, improvements are underway on I-55 from the Sangamon County line to just past Elkhart.

The Elkhart interchange bridge will be closed to all traffic, and a detour utilizing the Williamsville (exit 109) and Broadwell (exit 119) interchanges will be posted. Additionally, intermittent lane closures may occur on Interstate 55 while these improvements are being made. Other improvements include the replacement of guardrails and new pavement markings. The project will improve and help maintain the road surface of the bridge.

Improvements on Interstate 55 include pavement resurfacing and patching, shoulder maintenance and culvert repairs. All work is expected to be completed by the beginning of December.

Lane closures will be necessary for the improvements on Interstate 55. Motorists traveling through these work areas can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. 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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