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I-80 overnight closure begin Monday

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a pavement patching and widening project on Interstate 80 between Interstate 55 and Ridge Road, in Joliet and Minooka, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, April 17. The project is part of advance work leading to the \$1.2 billion reconstruction of I-80 through Will County.

The \$8.1 million project will improve the existing shoulders and temporarily widen the existing pavement in preparation of future projects that will rebuild I-80. Additional work including temporary roadway lighting, temporary drainage and pavement repairs are also included. The project is anticipated to be completed in November.

Starting at 8 p.m. each night, motorists should expect overnight lane closures along I-80, between I-55 and Ridge Road, as workers complete pavement repairs. Overnight closures will reopen by 6 a.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays and by noon Sundays.

Beginning Monday, May 1, weather permitting, motorists should expect lane shifts and shoulder closures, along with the overnight lane closures through the work zone. At least two lanes in each direction will be maintained during peak travel times.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

The overall I-80 project will redesign and rebuild 16 miles from Ridge Road, in Minooka, to U.S. 30, in Joliet and New Lenox, while adding or extending auxiliary lanes to improve safety and reduce congestion. Interchanges will be rebuilt or improved at Interstate 55, Illinois 7, Center Street, Chicago Street, Richards Street and Briggs Street, with a new flyover ramp linking southbound I-55 to eastbound I-80 to improve traffic flow and safety. More than 30 bridges will be rehabilitated or replaced, including those over the Des Plaines River.

For more information visit I80will.org. The mobile-friendly website features project information, photos, and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a “Contact” link. Find traffic and road conditions at www.gettingaroundillinois.com. You also can follow IDOT on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/illinoisdot) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/illinoisdot).

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