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## Illinois 8 near Edwards to close May 1

**EDWARDS** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that Illinois 8 (Southport Road) between Taylor Road/Kickapoo-Edwards Road and Heinz Lane, near Edwards in Peoria County, will close May 1.

The closure is necessary for construction of a new road and overpass in the area and is expected to last into early November. A detour will be posted.

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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