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# Illinois 76 bridge work in Poplar Grove begins April 24

**DIXON** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction on the bridge carrying Illinois 76 over Beaver Creek in Poplar Grove in Boone County will begin Monday, April 24. The bridge is located 2.5 miles south of Illinois 173.

Work will replace the expansion joints and install a concrete deck overlay. One lane of traffic will be maintained using temporary signals and a barrier wall. Drivers should be prepared to stop. The project is expected to be completed by July 15.

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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