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## Overnight expressway graffiti removal this week

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that graffiti removal is scheduled to take place along the expressway system in Cook County over two consecutive nights, weather permitting, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 16.

Motorists can expect shoulder closures with brief lane closures as required and should allow extra time for trips through areas where workers are present. At all times, drivers are urged to pay close attention for flaggers and signs in work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment. If you encounter maintenance vehicles and workers, slow down, move over and give them space – it's the law.

Graffiti can be extremely dangerous for those involved, with removal efforts costing hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Throughout the year, IDOT works in conjunction with the City of Chicago on graffiti removal operations but looks for the public's cooperation as well. If you see this kind of vandalism taking place, please call law enforcement immediately.

In addition to removing graffiti, IDOT is committed to maintaining a positive impression of the state by keeping roadsides clean, the public can play a part as well. Remember: Think Before You Throw! Littering is a problem that's easily controlled and preventable. Use a trash can instead. Litter is more than just an eyesore – it has real, negative impacts on the environment and communities, while unnecessarily costing taxpayers millions of dollars a year.

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