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Wood Street/Ashland Avenue work begins tomorrow

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that preliminary work to prepare for a water main replacement project will require intermittent daytime lane closures in both directions of Wood Street/Ashland Avenue, from 138th Street, in Riverdale, to 159th Street, in Harvey, passing through Dixmoor, beginning, weather permitting, tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 6.

The preliminary work, which consists of installing temporary traffic signals at various intersections along Wood Street/Ashland Avenue, between 138th and 159th streets, as well as removing any trees that conflict with future proposed construction, is anticipated to take approximately two to four weeks, weather permitting, to complete.

The \$41.7 million project will begin later this year and will ultimately replace over 3 miles of water main, the roadway and various intersections will be reconstructed, and the drainage system improved. The project also includes rehabilitation of the bridge over the Little Calumet River and a new multi-use path on the west side of Wood Street, between 144th and 149th streets.

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.

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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