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Bridge improvements over Interstate 55 in Montgomery County begin March 30

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the Morrisonville Avenue bridge over Interstate 55, just south of Farmersville, will be removed and replaced with a new concrete bridge deck. Additionally, the bridge deck will be replaced at the Mine Avenue bridge over Interstate 55 at the Farmersville exit.

Work begins on Thursday, March 30. The improvements on Morrisonville Avenue are expected to be completed in mid-July, and Mine Avenue improvements are expected to be completed in late fall.

The Morrisonville Avenue bridge will be closed to all traffic, and motorists will need to seek an alternate route. The Mine Avenue bridge will remain open to two-way traffic, with both lanes shifted to one side of the bridge. The lane reduction is necessary to reconstruct the concrete bridge deck. Additionally, intermittent lane closures may occur on Interstate 55 while these improvements are being made. Other improvements include the replacement of guardrails and new pavement markings. The project will improve and help maintain the road surface of the bridge.

Motorists traveling through these work areas can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. 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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