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## Jefferson Street over I-55 bridge work begins Monday

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that repairs to the bridge carrying Jefferson Street (U.S. 52) over Interstate 55, in Shorewood, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, March 20.

The initial stage of the project will require intermittent daytime lane closures in both directions of Jefferson Street, from northwest Frontage Road to McDonald Avenue. At least one lane in each direction will remain open at all times.

The \$6.2 million project includes the installation of a new bridge deck overlay and joint repairs. In addition, the existing ramps from I-55 to Jefferson Street will be widened to accommodate an additional lane on each ramp. The project is anticipated to be completed later this fall.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Alternative routes are encouraged. 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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