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## **I-74 closures near St. Joseph begin tonight** *Nightly closures needed for bridge work*

**ST. JOSEPH** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that Interstate 74 in both directions just west of St. Joseph in Champaign County will close overnight for four nights starting today, March 6.

The closures are necessary for the removal of beams on the County Road 2000E bridge over I-74 and will be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night through Thursday morning. Eastbound traffic will be detoured at U.S. 150 (exit 185), and westbound traffic at Ogden (exit 197).

Motorists 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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