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Bridge repairs east of Mulberry Grove to require closure of U.S. 40 beginning March 13

EFFINGHAM – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that repairs to the bridges over the CSXT Railroad just east of Mulberry Grove and the bridges over Hurricane Creek on U.S. 40 begin March 13.

To complete bridge repairs, including deck patching, joint replacements and deck overlays, it will be necessary to close U.S. 40. The repairs will improve the safety of the bridges and provide motorists with a smoother driving surface. A detour utilizing Interstate 70 and the interchanges in Mulberry Grove and Vandalia will be posted. Work is expected to be complete on the bridge over the CSXT Railroad within 45 days after its closure. The bridges over Hurricane Creek will be completed by early November.

Only local traffic will be permitted on U.S. 40 between Illinois 140 (County Road 1250 N) east of Mulberry Grove and Randolph Street in Vandalia during the bridge repairs. Motorists are encouraged to follow the posted detour and should allow for extra travel time. 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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