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## **Lacon Bridge rehabilitation starts March 18** *10-day countdown to an 8-month bridge closure*

**LACON** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that rehabilitation of the Lacon Bridge carrying Illinois 17 over the Illinois River is scheduled to begin March 18, weather permitting. The bridge will remain closed to all traffic until November.

Motorists will be detoured to use Illinois 29, Illinois 18 and Illinois 26 to make the loop from Sparland to Lacon or Lacon to Sparland.

The estimated \$10 million project consists of steel repair, bearing rehabilitation, joint replacement, painting, bridge deck overlay, roadway lighting, drainage improvements and other related work.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. 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.

For more information on this project, visit <https://idot.click/lacon-bridge-rehab>. The website features project details, a detour map and photos. Additional information on IDOT projects can be seen [here](#). For IDOT District 4 updates, follow us on Twitter at [@IDOTDistrict4](#) or view area construction details on IDOT's [traveler information map](#) on GettingAroundIllinois.com and [www.gettingaroundpeoria.com](http://www.gettingaroundpeoria.com).

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