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## Perryville Road bridge over I-39 in Cherry Valley closing March 20

**DIXON** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, the replacement of the bridge carrying Perryville Road over Interstate 39 and U.S. 20/51 in Cherry Valley will begin on Monday, March 20. The project is part of advance work leading to the \$227 million, multiyear project to improve I-39 between the U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange and Blackhawk Road.

The construction will require a closure of Perryville Road between Mill Road and Armer Drive. A marked detour will offer motorists two options: Harrison Avenue, Mulford Road and Linden Road, or Harrison Avenue and Mill Road. Motorists should also expect occasional lane closures and shifts on I-39 during construction.

The \$7.9 million Perryville Road project will replace the existing bridge with a new structure that will accommodate the widening of I-39 under the bridge. The new bridge also will be wider than the existing structure. The project is expected to be completed by Dec. 1.

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.

The overall I-39 reconstruction project will improve conditions at the interchanges, reduce congestion on the roadways, and improve safety and provide continuity with adjacent roadways. The project includes rebuilding the U.S. 20 interchange, rebuilding and widening I-39 to three lanes plus an auxiliary lane from the system interchange to Harrison Avenue, reconstructing 15 bridges including the U.S. 20 Kishwaukee River crossing and bridges at Perryville and Mulford roads crossing I-39, and converting the I-39/U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange from a full cloverleaf to a diverging diamond interchange. For more information about the I-39 project, visit <https://idot.click/I39Rockford>.

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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