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## Wood Street/Ashland Avenue full closure begins June 7

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing improvements on Wood Street/Ashland Avenue, a full closure is scheduled to take place on Wood Street/Ashland Avenue from north of Thornton Road, in Dixmoor, to south of 138<sup>th</sup> Street, in Riverdale, beginning, weather permitting, Wednesday, June 7.

The closure is necessary to accommodate bridge rehabilitation work and is anticipated to be completed in late fall. A posted detour will direct motorists to Halsted, 147<sup>th</sup> (Sibley Boulevard) and 127<sup>th</sup> streets.

Motorists also should expect various intermittent daytime lane closures on Wood Street/Ashland Avenue between 138<sup>th</sup> and 161<sup>st</sup> streets for watermain replacement and roadway reconstruction. At least one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction. Access to local residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project.

The overall \$98.9 million improvement project will completely rebuild Wood Street/Ashland Avenue, from 138<sup>th</sup> Street, in Riverdale, to 161<sup>st</sup> Street, in Harvey, passing through Dixmoor, to include new curbs, gutters and lighting. The project will also improve capacity, modernize traffic signals and turn lanes, implement smoother and safer railroad crossings and include landscaping and aesthetic enhancements. The bridge over the Little Calumet River will be rehabilitated and a new multi-use path on the west side of Wood Street, between 144<sup>th</sup> and 149<sup>th</sup> streets will be built. Additionally, a new storm sewer system will be installed and municipal water mains will be replaced.

The entire project is expected to be completed in late 2024.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. 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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