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## 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue lane closures begin May 15

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a cleaning and painting of the bridge carrying 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue over Southwest Highway (Illinois 7), in Palos Park, will require lane closures beginning, weather permitting, Monday, May 15.

To complete the work, Southwest Highway will be reduced to one lane in both directions approaching the bridge. The work is anticipated to be completed in early August.

Motorists can expect occasional 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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