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Work at I-39 and Harrison Avenue/U.S. 20 interchange underway

*\$44.2 million project will convert junction into a diverging
diamond interchange*

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that work is underway to reconstruct the Interstate 39 and U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange in Cherry Valley. The work zone will be from the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Mall Drive to west of the intersection of U.S. 20 and Mill Road.

The \$44.2 million project involves reconfiguring the existing cloverleaf interchange into a diverging diamond design, installing a new multiuse path and adding a third lane of travel to each direction of U.S. 20 and Harrison Avenue, between Mall Drive and Mill Road. Other work includes reconstruction of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Mall Drive and extending the shoulders on Harrison Avenue and U.S. 20 to accommodate the lane shifts needed during construction.

Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions of U.S. 20 and Harrison Avenue at all times, but there may be periodic lane closures. Work at the Harrison Avenue and Mall Drive intersection is expected to wrap up in early July.

Work on the interchange is expected to take two construction seasons to complete. This year will focus on building the layout on Harrison Avenue and U.S. 20, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Work next year will focus on the new interchange ramps. The majority of the project is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2025, with some final touch-up work to be completed in the Spring of 2026.

The I-39 and U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange project is part of a larger \$247.6 million, multiyear project to improve I-39 between the U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange and Blackhawk Road. Reconstruction of the I-39 and U.S. 20 interchange began in July 2023. Work this year will realign the northbound and southbound I-39 ramps connecting with U.S. 20, add lanes on both routes, and build several new bridges. This \$98.8 million project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024.

Additional projects include expanding I-39 from four to six lanes with an accessory lane between U.S. 20 and Harrison Avenue and replacing several bridges in the corridor. Also, U.S. 20 will be expanded from four to six lanes at the intersection of Mill Road and the bridges crossing the Kishwaukee River will be replaced with wider structures. All projects are anticipated to conclude by the end of 2027. More information about the I-39 reconstruction project is available on the [project webpage](#).

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 3,000 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 Four of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$12.1 billion of improvements statewide on 5,339 miles of highway, 533 bridges and 762 additional safety improvements.

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