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## Night work on U.S. 20 in Rockford starts June 5

**DIXON** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, overnight closures of U.S. 20 at its interchange with Interstate 39 between Mulford and Alpine roads in Rockford begin at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 5. The closure is necessary for the installation of structural steel for the new southbound I-39 flyover bridge as part of the \$98.8 million project to rebuild the I-39/U.S. 20 interchange.

The road will be closed in both directions from 9 p.m. each night and all lanes are scheduled to reopen at 5 a.m. the following morning. The overnight closures will occur Sundays through Thursdays during the entire month of June. There will be no overnight closures on Fridays and Saturdays.

Through traffic on I-39 will not be affected. All U.S. 20 traffic will follow the following detour:

#### Eastbound U.S. 20

Traffic will detour using I-39 southbound, the Baxter Road interchange (exit 115) and I-39 northbound.

#### Westbound U.S. 20

Traffic will detour using I-39 southbound, the Baxter Road interchange (exit 115), I-39 northbound, and the exit ramp to U.S. 20 westbound.

Reconstruction of the I-39 and U.S. 20 interchange began in July 2023 and is part of a larger \$247.6 million, multiyear project made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital program to improve I-39 between the U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange and Blackhawk Road. 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 project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024.

Another major project that began this year is the \$44.3 million conversion of the Harrison Avenue/U.S. 20 and I-39 interchange from a cloverleaf to a diverging diamond design. 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 spring 2026. 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 <u>project webpage</u>.

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 <u>next six years</u>, 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. <u>Accomplishments</u> 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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