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Overnight lane closures on I-39/U.S. 20 at Mulford Road bridge in Rockford begin May 6

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, there will be periodic overnight lane closures on Interstate 39 and U.S. 20 at Mulford Road in Rockford beginning Monday, May 6. The closures are necessary to demolish the Mulford Road bridge as part of the \$98.8 million project to rebuild the I-39/U.S. 20 interchange.

Monday, May 6, and Tuesday, May 7

- **Southbound I-39 ramp from westbound U.S. 20**
 - Beginning at 9 p.m., periodic full traffic stops that will not exceed 20 minutes each will take place.
 - Work will be completed by 6 a.m. the following morning.

Thursday, May 9

- **I-39 and U.S. 20**
 - Starting at 7 p.m., U.S. 20 and I-39 will be reduced to one lane approaching Mulford Road.
 - Periodic full traffic stops that will not exceed 20 minutes each will take place on both directions of U.S. 20 and I-39.
 - All lanes will be open by 6 a.m. Friday, May 10.

Mulford Road between Sandy Hollow Road and Linden Road closed April 8. A marked detour will direct motorists to use Harrison Avenue, Perryville Road and Linden Road during the project, which is scheduled to be completed in September.

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 project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024.

The I-39 and U.S. 20 interchange project are part of a larger \$247.6 million, multiyear project to improve I-39 between the Harrison Avenue interchange and Blackhawk Road. Work began April 8 to convert the Harrison Avenue interchange from a cloverleaf to a diverging diamond

interchange. 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 east of I-39 and will replace the bridges crossing the Kishwaukee River. 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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