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U.S. 20 in Rockford to close overnight May 15

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, there will be an overnight closure of U.S. 20 at its interchange with Interstate 39 between Mulford and Alpine roads in Rockford on Wednesday, May 15. The closure is necessary for the installation of structural steel for the new southbound I-39 bridge as part of the \$98.8 million project to rebuild the I-39/U.S. 20 interchange.

The closure will begin at 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, and all lanes are scheduled to reopen at 5 a.m., Thursday, May 16. All 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. 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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