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Ramp from I-74 to I-57 to close Nov. 1

Westbound to northbound as part of interchange reconstruction

CHAMPAIGN – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the ramp from westbound Interstate 74 to northbound I-57 will close Nov. 1.

The closure is necessary to build a new, temporary connection from westbound I-74 to northbound I-57 and is expected to last a week. Motorists wanting to access northbound I-57 from westbound I-74 will be directed to use southbound I-57 (exit 179A) to Curtis Road (exit 232) and then enter northbound I-57 from Curtis Road.

The following week, the ramp from southbound I-57 to westbound I-74 will be closed for approximately five days. A detour will direct motorists to the Curtis Road interchange, where they will enter northbound I-57 to access westbound I-74.

The work is part of the larger <u>reconstruction of the I-57/74 interchange</u>, a cornerstone of the Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

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.

Gov. Pritzker's historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program is investing \$33.2 billion over the next six years into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth by improving more than 3,500 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history, but the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.