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## **Illinois 56 Widening Begins in Wheaton, Warrenville**

DUPAGE COUNTY - The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that a project to reconstruct and widen Illinois 56 (Butterfield Road) from west of Illinois 59 to Naperville Road started this week with the installation of temporary traffic signals and signs through the work zone.

After Memorial Day, the excavation work necessary to add a second lane in each direction will begin.

The project involves reconstructing the roadway, building an additional lane in both directions and adding a 30-foot grass median for 6.2 miles on Illinois 56 through Wheaton and Warrenville. All major intersections will be rebuilt with turn lanes and modernized, interconnected signals to improve the flow of traffic. The bridges over the DuPage River's west branch and Ferry Creek will be removed and replaced. A bike path also will be built along the side of the road.

The first phase of the project involves building two new eastbound lanes to the south of the existing Illinois 56 in 2011. Traffic will shift to the new lanes in 2012 so the current Illinois 56 can be rebuilt as the new westbound lanes.

One lane will remain open in each direction during construction, with access to businesses and residences maintained.

The entire project is scheduled to be complete and the four lanes open to traffic in late fall 2012.

Motorists should expect delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. Please obey the speed limit, observe closure signs and remain alert for workers. Cell phone use in work zones is illegal and subject to fines.

K Five Construction, of Lemont, is the prime contractor on the \$52.6 million project.

For more information on the Illinois 56 reconstruction and widening, including a map of the work zone, visit <http://www.dot.state.il.us/IL56/index.html>

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at <http://www.dot.state.il.us>. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com).

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