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IDOT to repair 'crumbling' section of I-255 in \$64M project

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The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that it will close a section of Interstate 255 in early 2020 to rebuild the roadway and improve safety.

Officials said the \$64 million project, part of the Rebuild Illinois capital plan, will close seven miles in a "crumbling section" of the interstate for 10 months.

"As Metro East drivers know too well, I-255 was neglected for far too long — and repairing it is a massive undertaking that IDOT will complete as quickly and safely as possible for those who rely on this roadway," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman in a statement. "As one of the first projects of the historic bipartisan 'Rebuild Illinois' effort, this is also one of the worst roads in the system today. We'll be holding public meetings to keep residents informed of the plan and our progress. We look forward to a day when people feel good about driving on I-255 again."



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According to a release, the project will be completed in 10 months instead of four years if the interstate was open during construction. The closure also will save about \$14 million instead of completing work in phases.

Road work will take place on about 7 miles of I-255 from Collinsville Road to Illinois 15 in two sections separated by Interstate 64. The work includes bridge repairs, safety improvements and drainage updates, officials said. Crews will begin on the northern section at the beginning of the year.

Once completed, crews will shift to the section between I-64 and Illinois 15. Officials said the project is expected to wrap next fall.

IDOT will host three public meetings about the project and discuss alternate routes. The meetings are:

Oct. 16: Caseyville Community Center, 909 S. Main St., Caseyville, 4 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 22: Clyde C. Jordan Center, 6755 Clyde C. Jordan Senior Center, East St. Louis, 3 to 6 p.m.

Nov. 7: Wirth/Parks Middle School, 1900 Mousette Lane, Cahokia, 4 to 7 p.m.

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