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Lane closures begin May 7 on Knoxville Avenue

Resurfacing project will last through September

PEORIA — The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that lane closures will begin Monday, May 7, on Knoxville Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue to Corrington Avenue.

The closures are necessary so that IDOT crews can perform resurfacing work on Knoxville Avenue as well as minor sidewalk and traffic signal upgrades. For the duration of the project, Knoxville Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction with left turns only being allowed at the signalized intersections (Pennsylvania, Richmond, Nebraska, Thrush and McClure avenues).

Work is planned to begin in the center three lanes of Knoxville Avenue. Due to the narrow nature of Knoxville Avenue and the placement of traffic control devices, traffic will be using a 9foot-wide lane while traveling through the work zone. Traffic will remain in this configuration until approximately July 1.

When the project moves to the second phase, traffic will be placed in the center of Knoxville Avenue in a head-to-head configuration. Lane widths will increase to 10 feet wide, and left turns will remain restricted to the signalized intersections. The entire project is expected to be complete by the end of September.

Through traffic is encouraged to use Interstate 74 to/from U.S. 150 (War Memorial Drive) or Illinois 29 (Adams Street/Jefferson Street) to/from U.S. 150 as alternate routes.

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.

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