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Full Closure of 159th Street at Cicero Avenue

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that 159th Street (U.S. 6) will be fully closed between Oak Avenue and Cicero Avenue (Illinois 50), in Oak Forest, beginning, weather permitting, Monday, April 2. The closure is necessary to replace the culvert that carries 159th Street over Midlothian Creek.

Starting April 2, 159th Street will be fully closed at Cicero Avenue until June 2018. A posted detour will direct eastbound 159th Street traffic to go south on Harlem Avenue (Illinois 43), east on 167th Street and north on Cicero Avenue to meet back with 159th Street. Westbound 159th Street traffic should take the reverse route.

The scope of the project includes replacement of the structures that carry 159th Street and Cicero Avenue over Midlothian Creek. The project also consists of intersection improvements, including channelization, traffic signal modernization and drainage work.

The overall project will be completed in Fall 2018.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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