Champaign – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that the sidewalk along Prospect Avenue over Interstate 74 in Champaign will close Monday, Oct. 21, as part of ongoing construction there.

The closure is necessary to allow the contractor to pour the second stage of the new bridge deck. This work is planned for Oct. 22, with the sidewalk reopening Oct. 23, weather permitting.

Pedestrians must find alternate routes during this closure, as it is illegal and extremely dangerous to cross an interstate on foot. The Illinois State Police will be providing extra patrols in the area to help ensure safety.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. 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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