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## **CONSTRUCTION NEWS RELEASE**

### *BRIDGE REPAIRS/RAMP CLOSURE*

#### *I-24*

#### *Massac County*

**New Columbia/Big Bay-**The Illinois Department of Transportation would like to alert motorists traveling on Interstate 24 of upcoming RAMP CLOSURES at the New Columbia/Big Bay Interchange.

Beginning Tuesday, October 15, 2019, weather permitting, the southbound (EB) exit ramp and the northbound (WB) entrance ramp will be closed at the New Columbia/Big Bay Interchange of I-24 for bridge repairs. Work includes joint reconstruction, deck repairs, overlay removal and replacement, bearing replacement and substructure repairs. The work is expected to last approximately five weeks. Motorists should reduce speed, be alert to equipment and workers and use extreme caution when traveling through this area.

To avoid any delays motorists should seek an alternate route.

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