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Western Avenue bridge rehab begins April 15

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the rehabilitation of the Western Avenue bridge over the Cal Sag Channel, in Blue Island, will begin, weather permitting, Wednesday, April 15.

To accommodate the work, Western Avenue from Grove Street to Des Plaines Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction, with lane widths reduced to 9.6 feet. Access to businesses within the work zone will be maintained during construction.

The project involves removing and replacing the south approach and structural steel repairs to the north span and truss. Along with deck patching and installing new LED roadway lighting and ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps.

The work is expected to be completed in December 2021.

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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