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Work begins on two I-74 bridges in Champaign

Project part of Gov. Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois program set to begin Aug. 3

CHAMPAIGN – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today a \$32.6 million project to replace the Interstate 74 bridges over the Canadian National Railroad yard and Market Street will begin Monday, Aug. 3. The project is made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital program.

Starting Monday, weather permitting, overnight work will begin with the installation of temporary lighting and pavement to accommodate two lanes of traffic in each direction while the bridges are replaced in 2021 and 2022. In mid-August, weather permitting the Neil Street ramp to eastbound I-74 will close, with traffic detoured to the Prospect Avenue ramp to access the interstate. All lanes and ramps will reopen in November.

Next spring, the project resumes with the replacement of the I-74 eastbound bridges, with traffic switched to westbound I-74. In 2022, the work zone flips, with traffic switched to the new eastbound bridges while the westbound bridges are replaced. The Neil Street ramp to eastbound I-74 will be closed both construction seasons.

The entire project wraps up in late 2022.

The I-74 bridges over the rail yard and Market Street were originally built in the mid-1950s and widened in 1992. Both are in the advanced stages of deterioration and due to be replaced. Other repairs, including the replacement of one pier near the CN yard will be included in the project.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changing conditions and signs in the work zone, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Gov. Pritzker's historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois is investing \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system over six years, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history, but the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

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