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I-57 work at Kankakee begins May 3

KANKAKEE – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that construction on Interstate 57 between the Kankakee River and Armour Road at Kankakee begins May 3.

The project involves milling and resurfacing the ramps at the Illinois 17 interchange (exit 312), which will require closure of the ramps from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly until work is complete the morning of May 8, weather permitting.

Crews will then reduce I-57 to one lane in each direction for nighttime milling and resurfacing of the road and shoulders as well as installation of new guardrails. That work is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly, but those hours may be altered to take advantage of reduced traffic. All major construction is expected to be complete by July 2. Minor items like landscaping and pavement marking are expected last another 10 working days.

Motorists can expect delays and possible backups and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. 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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