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## First Avenue closing at rail crossing Sept. 21

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that repairs to the Canadian National Railway crossing on First Avenue (Illinois 171), just south of North Avenue (Illinois 64), in Melrose Park, will require a full closure starting, weather permitting, 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

A detour will direct motorists to Lake Street, Fifth Street and North Avenue.

The work is expected to be complete by 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to detour signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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