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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the following update to the project to reconstruct IL 173 (West Lane Road) in Machesney Park. Traffic is being switched to two new north side lanes on Wednesday night.

On Thursday morning, August 28, 2014, traffic will be on the new pavement and the contractor will begin removing the south lanes. The removal of the south half of the roadway requires closing Forest Hills Road south of IL 173 for two weeks and closing Kimber Drive south of IL 173 for the next three weeks.

The work is part of the \$28 million project to reconstruct 2.5 miles of IL 173 to expand to four lanes from Alpine Road to the I-39/90 interchange. William Charles Construction Company is the contractor for the project that began in March and is scheduled to be completed in November 2015. The new four lanes west of Perryville will be completed this year and the east portion of the project will be finished next construction season.

Drivers need to be alert for the changed traffic patterns in the area. Motorists need to be prepared to stop for workers and slow moving construction vehicles.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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