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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work on the Avenue G bridges between Rock Falls and Sterling will begin on Monday, May 4, 2015. Kovilic Construction Company will be working on the \$427,205 contract to make repairs to the two bridges.

The project involves removing and replacing expansion joints, along with making concrete repairs to the piers and abutments supporting the structures. The bridges will need to be closed to traffic during construction.

The two bridges over the Rock River will be closed one at a time. Work will start on the south bridge. During the approximate one month closure of this structure over the south channel, the north bridge will remain open. This will provide access to the park and businesses on the island from the Sterling side of the river.

When the south bridge is finished, it will be opened and the north bridge closed. During the second half of the project, there will be access to the island and park from Rock Falls. The contract is scheduled to be completed by the July 4th holiday weekend.

Pedestrians will always have access to the park from Rock Falls and Sterling. Even when the structures are closed to vehicular traffic, one of the sidewalks will be open for pedestrians to cross the bridges.

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

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