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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work on I-39 will begin on Sunday evening, April 26, 2015. Work is starting to resurface the 20 mile section of I-39 from Baxter Road south of Rockford to I-88 near Rochelle. Rock Road Companies and William Charles Construction Company are the two contractors for the \$33 million project that is expected to take two construction seasons to complete.

To minimize traffic congestion and reduce travel delays, work will be scheduled to have all lanes open by Friday morning for each weekend. The contractors can start work at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening and must have all lanes open by 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in the areas where work operations are underway.

Work will begin at the north end of the 20 mile project near Baxter Road and proceed toward Rochelle. The contractors will be making concrete pavement repairs, milling off the existing bituminous overlays and resurfacing the roadway. The pavement under many of the overhead bridges will be removed and replaced to improve the vertical clearances under the structures.

Motorists need to be extra alert when traveling through the area at night. Most of the construction work will be done between 7:00 p.m. in the evening and 8:00 a.m. the next morning. Drivers need to reduce speed because of the limited visibility and slowing moving construction vehicles that will be entering and exiting the work areas. Drivers should also be prepared to stop for vehicles moving slowly because of the lane closures.

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

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