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## **I-80 at La Salle-Peru to close Dec. 10** *Bridge repairs over Little Vermillion River*

**OTTAWA** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that Interstate 80 between Illinois 251 (exit 75) in Peru and I-39 (exit 79) in La Salle will close in both directions Dec. 10.

The closure is needed to repair the bridge carrying eastbound I-80 over the Little Vermillion River and begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 10. The ramps at Illinois 351 also will be closed during the work, which is expected to be complete by 5 a.m. Dec. 11. A detour utilizing Illinois 251, U.S. 52 and I-39 will be posted.

This work is part of a larger project to repair or replace the I-80 bridges over the Little Vermillion River, East 3rd Road and Raccuglia Drive. Construction on westbound I-80 is expected to last until late fall, and work on eastbound I-80 will begin next spring.

Motorists can expect delays 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.

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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