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Inbound I-55 lane, shoulder closures begin Monday

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding the public that repairs to the bridge carrying outbound Interstate 55 (Stevenson Expressway), over the Belt Railroad Company of Chicago, just east of Cicero Avenue (Illinois 50), in Chicago, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, Oct. 12.

To complete the repairs, motorists should expect lane closures on inbound I-55, from Cicero Avenue to Pulaski Road, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Saturday. Motorists can also expect an occasional closure on the Cicero Avenue entrance ramp to inbound I-55. A detour will not be posted due to the short duration of the closure. During that time, motorists seeking to access inbound I-55 are advised to use the entrance ramp at Central Avenue or Pulaski Road. In addition, the left shoulder on inbound I-55 will be closed for the duration of the project.

At least one inbound lane will remain open at all times. The project is expected to be completed in November.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and 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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