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# U.S. 20 improvements begin this week

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that improvements to U.S. 20 (Grant Highway), from south of Beck Road, to West Union Road, in McHenry, begin this week.

The $9.7 million project will reconstruct and convert the intersection of U.S. 20 and South Union, Beck/Marengo roads into a modern roundabout with new lighting and drainage improvements. In addition, U.S. 20 will be widened at Coral Road and at West Union Road to accommodate new center turn lanes.

To complete the project, U.S. 20 between Coral and West Union roads will be reduced to one lane in each direction, with lane widths reduced to 11 feet. In late May, Beck Road will be closed for approximately three months to accommodate construction of the roundabout. A detour will direct motorists to Church, Harmony Hill and Coral roads. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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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