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Work resumes on two I-74 structures in Champaign

Part of Gov. Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois set to resume April 1

CHAMPAIGN – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the \$32.6 million project to replace two bridges on Interstate 74 in Champaign, one over the Canadian National Railroad yard and the other over Market Street, resumes April 1. The project is a highlight of Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital program.

Starting Thursday, two-way traffic will shift to the westbound lanes while the eastbound portions of the two bridges are reconstructed. Also, the Neil Street ramp to eastbound I-74 will close. A detour utilizing Prospect Avenue to access eastbound I-74 will be posted. This work is expected to be complete for the winter stage by Nov. 25.

Both of these bridges were constructed in the mid-1950s and widened in 1992. The superstructures have both reached advanced stages of deterioration and are due to be replaced. Some substructure repairs, including the replacement of one pier near the Canadian National yard, will also be included in this \$32.6 million project.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changing conditions and signs in the work zone, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Gov. Pritzker's historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois is investing \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system over six years, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history, but the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

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