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Coalfield rest areas to close April 20 *Pavement repairs planned on both sides*

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the Coalfield rest areas along Interstate 55 near Raymond will close beginning April 20.

The closures are necessary to repair pavement at the rest areas and will begin with the northbound side on April 20. The southbound side will close April 21. Both closures will last through the end of the week. Benefits from this project include improvements to durability and ride quality.

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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