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## Illinois 71 bridge resurfacing begins April 5

**HENNEPIN** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that construction on Illinois 71 about 1.5 miles east of the Interstate 180 interchange in Putnam County begins April 5.

The project involves replacing and resurfacing the bridge deck and will reduce the bridge to one lane, with traffic controlled by temporary signals. Work is expected to be complete in August.

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 should be prepared to stop as traffic will be signalized and reduced to one lane. Drivers are urged to use caution especially when heading westbound as the project is at the bottom of a hill and traffic will be stopped at the traffic signals. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zone, 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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