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Traffic pattern switch on Illinois 9 bridge begins April 21

PEKIN – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that as part of [ongoing construction on the John T. McNaughton Bridge](#) (Illinois 9), two-way traffic will switch to the eastbound lanes beginning April 21.

Work will then proceed on the westbound lanes, where crews will be replacing joints and bearings, repairing structural steel and patching the deck. Traffic will be separated by a barrier wall, which will remain in place through July.

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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