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Replacement of 20th Street bridge over US 20 in Rockford begins April 26

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, work will begin on Monday, April 26, 2021, to replace the 20th Street bridge over US 20 in Rockford. The project begins with shoulder replacement work on US 20 to prepare for the removal and replacement of the structure.

The shoulder replacement work will be done in two weeks, with overnight lane closures between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. All lanes will be open during the weekends. The 20th Street bridge is tentatively scheduled to close on Monday, May 10, to begin the removal and replacement work.

When completed in early October, the new 20th Street bridge will include a multi-use path that allows pedestrians and bicyclists to safely travel with traffic across US 20. The structure will also provide lateral clearance for a future third lane in each direction on US 20. Sjostrom and Sons, Inc. of Rockford is the contractor for the \$4.25 million project.

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 Rebuild Illinois, 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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