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## First Avenue lane reductions begin this week

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that repairs to the bridge carrying First Avenue (Illinois 171), over the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290), in Maywood and Forest Park, will require lane closures starting this week.

To complete the work, First Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction over the bridge. Motorists should also expect periodic overnight lane closures on I-290 at First Avenue.

The project, which consists of deck, joints and structural steel repairs, is expected to be completed by November.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and 9 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. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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