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I-55 ramp to Joliet Road reopens, Joliet Road ramp to I-294 closes

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the ramp from inbound Interstate 55 to Joliet Road will reopen, weather permitting, Tuesday, July 20.

The ramp was closed earlier this year to accommodate the ongoing reconstruction of the Joliet Road bridge over Flagg Creek and the Illinois Tollway's Interstate 294 (Tri-State Tollway) project in Indian Head Park.

Starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, the ramp from westbound Joliet Road to northbound I-294 will close, with an anticipated reopening in early November. The closure is necessary to complete Flagg Creek bridge construction near where the I-294 ramp begins. A detour will direct traffic to outbound I-55, exit County Line Road (southbound) and reenter inbound I-55 to the northbound I-294 exit.

The \$2.9 million project, which includes a new higher bridge deck and structural steel replacement, is expected to be completed in late November.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to detour signs 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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