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I-80 in LaSalle to close July 8

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that Interstate 80 in LaSalle will be closed overnight on Thursday, July 8, to remove beams from the eastbound bridge over the Little Vermilion River. The closure is between the Illinois 251 (exit 75) and Interstate 39 (exit 79) interchanges.

The closure begins at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8. A posted detour will direct motorists to use Illinois 251, U.S. 52 and I-39. Signs, message boards and flaggers will be in place to direct motorists along the detour route. Access to I-80 from the Illinois 351 interchange (exit 77) also will be closed. All roads are expected to reopen by 5 a.m. Friday, July 9.

This work is part of a larger \$16.38 million project to replace beams and the deck on the bridges carrying I-80 over the Little Vermilion River east of the Illinois 351 interchange (exit 77). The project also will repair the bridges carrying I-80 over East Third Road and Raccuglia Drive. D Construction of Coal City is the contractor of this project, which is expected to wrap up in late fall.

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 2,779 miles of highway and 7.9 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. 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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