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US Bypass 20 construction in Rockford begins Aug. 2

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, repairs on US Bypass 20 between Falconer and Simpson roads in Rockford will begin on Monday, August 2, 2021. A lane closure in each direction will be utilized throughout the project.

The repairs are the start of a two-year project to improve this 6.5-mile section of road. Work this year includes patching of the road and the exit and entrance ramps at Montague and Meridian roads. This work is expected to be completed by mid-October. Work will continue in 2022 to remove the road surface and replace it with a smooth layer of asphalt. William Charles Construction Co. LLC of Rockford is the contractor of the \$12.4 million project.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. 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 3,535 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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