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Michigan Avenue bridge cleaning, painting begins this week

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a cleaning and painting of the Michigan Avenue bridge, over the Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55), in Chicago, will require overnight lane closures beginning this week.

To complete the work, motorists should expect various overnight lane closures on both sides of I-55, between Lake Shore Drive and the Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94), from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from 9 p.m. Fridays to 8 a.m. Saturdays, with occasional ramp closures at State Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. At least one lane in each direction will remain open at all time.

Due to the short nature of the closures, no detour will be posted. Alternative routes are encouraged. The work is expected to be completed in August.

Motorists can expect occasional 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 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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