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I-55 work between Carlinville and Litchfield resumes

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that work on Interstate 55 between the Litchfield and Carlinville interchanges resumes this week.

Nighttime lane closures and the installation of a temporary concrete barrier will occur through the end of March. The use of median crossovers will restrict traffic to one lane in each direction beginning in April and will continue until November.

This is part of a \$34.2 million project that includes rehabilitating eight bridges and resurfacing 7.4 road miles and interchange ramps at Illinois 108 (exit 60). Benefits from the project include providing a smoother road surface, installing safety equipment and needed maintenance.

Motorists can expect delays and are asked to allow extra time for travel through this area. To avoid the area, when feasible, the use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to watch for stopped or slowed traffic, pay close attention to changing conditions and signs in the work zone, obey 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 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois, 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 and 128 bridges along with 228 additional safety improvements.

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