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Pinecrest bridge removal begins March 5

This phase of Rebuild Illinois project to last four weeks

EAST PEORIA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that removal of the Pinecrest Drive bridge over Interstate 74 (exit 98) in East Peoria begins March 5.

The work will require lane closures in one or both directions between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday evening through Sunday morning for approximately four weeks. In addition, all lanes of I-74 in both directions will be closed at Pinecrest between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., with traffic detouring using the off- and on-ramps.

The work is part of a \$9.6 million project to replace the Pinecrest Drive bridge, made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program. The new bridge will have a minimum clearance of 16 feet 6 inches, or two feet higher than the existing bridge. The entire project is expected to be complete in November.

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 more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 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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