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I-280 bridge deck replacement begins Monday

Lanes will be reduced, shifted as part of \$50M project over Mississippi

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that final preparations begin next week to shift all traffic on the Interstate 280 Mississippi River bridge (Sergeant John F. Baker Jr. Bridge) to the eastbound lanes as part of a three-year deck replacement and resurfacing project.

Starting Monday, March 15, work will begin to install concrete barriers to prepare for the traffic shift. There will be temporary lane closures in both directions of I-280 to allow for the work to occur.

By Friday, March 19, weather permitting, traffic over the bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction so construction can begin on the westbound lanes. A lane in each direction will be separated by a concrete barrier, which will be maintained throughout the work zone to complete the project.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changing conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and remain alert for workers and equipment.

The westbound bridge deck will take one construction season to complete, with a tentative completion date of November. The eastbound bridge deck will be replaced in 2022, with traffic shifting to the new westbound bridge deck in the spring. The approach from the bridge to the Illinois 92 interchange will be resurfaced in 2023. The bridge also will be painted. The overall project is scheduled to be completed in late 2023.

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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