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## Cicero Avenue lane reductions begin May 17

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that improvements to the bridge that carries Cicero Avenue (Illinois 50) over the Belt Railroad Company, in Chicago and Bedford Park, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, May 17.

To accommodate the work, Cicero Avenue will be reduced to two lanes in each direction between 67<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> streets. Access to residences and businesses within the work zone will be maintained throughout construction.

The project, which consists of a new bridge deck overlay with joint replacement and structural steel repairs, is expected to be completed in November.

Motorists can expect 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 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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