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## **Interstate 57 to I-74 ramp to close Dec. 1**

Southbound to eastbound closure indefinite

**CHAMPAIGN** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the ramp from southbound Interstate 57 to eastbound I-74 will close Dec. 1.

The closure is necessary to complete the new, temporary connection from eastbound I-74 to southbound I-57 as well as the construction of embankments and bridge piers for the new flyover bridge. This ramp closure will be indefinite.

Motorists wanting to access eastbound I-74 from southbound I-57 will use southbound I-57 (exit 179A) to Curtis Road (exit 232) and then enter northbound I-57 from Curtis Road and then exit to I-74 eastbound.

The work is part of the larger <u>reconstruction of the I-57/74 interchange</u>, a cornerstone of the Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

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 3,500 miles of highway and 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. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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