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111th Street bridge over the Bishop Ford closure begins April 1

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a project to repair the bridge carrying 111th Street over the Bishop Ford Freeway (Interstate 94), in Chicago, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, April 1.

To complete the work, a full closure of 111th Street at the bridge will be required. Motorists should follow the posted detour. The inbound Bishop Ford ramp to westbound 111th Street will also be closed; drivers should use the 103rd Street ramp to access 111th Street. Additionally, the public should also expect shoulder and occasional overnight lane closures on the Bishop Ford at the bridge during that time.

The \$ 2.8 million project, which involves repairing the deck and expansion joints, installing a new bridge deck overlay and approaches and painting the bridge, is anticipated to be completed later this fall.

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 <u>next six years</u>, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,000 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of Rebuild Illinois, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. <u>Accomplishments</u> through Year Four of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$12.1 billion of improvements statewide on 5,339 miles of highway, 533 bridges and 762 additional safety improvements.

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