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Closure of exit 308 ramps to southbound I-57 in Kankakee begins Sept. 14

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the southbound Interstate 57 exit and entrance ramps at the U.S. 45 and 52 interchange (exit 308) in Kankakee will be closed overnight starting Tuesday, Sept. 14. The closures are necessary to complete milling and paving of the ramps.

The closures will occur all week from midnight until 5 a.m. Also, paving on southbound I-57 from the Kankakee River to the Chebanse Interchange (exit 302) will wrap up on Monday, Sept. 13, before shifting to northbound I-57. One lane of traffic will be open during the work, which is part of a \$20,058,764 project to replace the Otto Road bridge deck, improve I-57 from the Kankakee River to the Iroquois County line and work on the River Road bridge over I-57 in Kankakee.

Kankakee Valley Construction Company Inc. of Kankakee and Gallagher Asphalt Co. of Thornton are the joint venture contractors of the project, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. 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 3,535 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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