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Overnight ramp, lane closures on I-80

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing efforts to rebuild Interstate 80 from Ridge Road, in Minooka, to U.S. 30, in Joliet and New Lenox, overnight ramp and lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, are scheduled to take place beginning, weather permitting, Saturday, Aug. 3. The closures are necessary to remove large signs over the interstate.

Starting at 9 p.m., both directions of I-80 will be reduced to one lane between U.S. 30 and Briggs Street. At 1 a.m., full stops for no longer than 15 minutes at a time will take place. Additionally, the Briggs Street ramp to eastbound I-80 will be closed. The ramp and lanes will reopen by 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

The public should continue to expect lane shifts, overnight lane closures and significant delays and to 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.

The overall I-80 project will redesign and rebuild 16 miles from Ridge Road, in Minooka, to U.S. 30, in Joliet and New Lenox, while adding or extending auxiliary lanes to improve safety and reduce congestion. Interchanges will be rebuilt or improved at Interstate 55, Illinois 7, Center Street, Chicago Street, Richards Street and Briggs Street, with a new flyover ramp linking southbound I-55 to eastbound I-80 to improve traffic flow and safety. More than 30 bridges will be rehabilitated or replaced, including those over the Des Plaines River. The projected \$1.3 billion project is anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of 2028, with landscaping, bridge demolition and miscellaneous work extending into 2029.

For more information visit <u>180will.org</u>. The mobile-friendly website features project information, photos, and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a "Contact" link. Find traffic and road conditions at www.gettingaroundillinois.com. You also can follow IDOT on Facebook and X.