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Work on I-88 and U.S. 30 spur in Whiteside County begins July 31

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction on several bridges at the U.S. 30 spur to Interstate 88 (exit 36) west of Rock Falls in Whiteside County will begin Wednesday, July 31. Three of the four ramps connecting to and from I-88 will be closed as part of the project.

The work consists of repairing three bridges crossing Elkhorn Creek and two bridges crossing I-88. Work includes replacing the bridge joints, repairing the bridge deck and installing an overlay.

Because of the narrow lanes to and from I-88, access will only be available from westbound I-88 to the westbound U.S. 30 spur. Traffic on the westbound U.S. 30 spur over Elkhorn Creek will be reduced to one lane. A posted detour will utilize Illinois 40 and U.S. 30 during the \$1.8 million project, which is expected to be completed by November.

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 <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 the Rebuild Illinois capital program, 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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