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Illinois 178/U.S. 6 intersection in Utica to temporarily convert to a four-way stop Nov. 30

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a new traffic pattern will be implemented at the intersection of Illinois 178 and U.S. 6 in Utica on Wednesday, Nov. 30, that incorporates a four-way stop. All lanes will remain open.

The change from traffic signals was necessary to maintain traffic control when a \$2.4 million project to convert that intersection into a roundabout is halted during the winter. The four-way stop is anticipated to last through winter and into the next construction season until the roundabout is completed in early summer.

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 2,500 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. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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