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Work at I-72/57 interchange begins Sept. 9

Preparing for bridge reconstruction in 2025

CHAMPAIGN – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that construction at the Interstate 72/57 interchange in Champaign begins Sept. 9.

This work involves building crossover pavement to be used during next year's reconstruction of the I-72 bridges over I-57 and will require closures of the left lane in both directions of I-72. Bridge work will begin in 2025 with an expected completion in fall 2026.

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 3,200 miles of highway and nearly 9 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 Five of Rebuild Illinois include approximately \$16 billion of improvements statewide on 6,541 miles of highway, 686 bridges and 986 additional safety improvements.

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