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## Harlem Avenue, 95<sup>th</sup> Street improvements begin Sept. 30

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that an improvement project on Harlem Avenue (Illinois 43) over 95<sup>th</sup> Street (U.S. 12/20), from 92<sup>nd</sup> Place, in Bridgeview, to south of 99<sup>th</sup> Place, in Chicago Ridge, passing through Oak Lawn, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, Sept. 30. The project is scheduled to be completed in several stages.

Starting at 5 a.m. Monday through the end of October, weather permitting, eastbound 95<sup>th</sup> Street (U.S. 12/20) from Interstate 294 (Tri State Tollway) to New England Avenue will be closed to accommodate the installation of new storm sewers. Motorists should follow the posted detour.

A temporary ramp is being built from westbound 95<sup>th</sup> Street to northbound Harlem Avenue to accommodate reconstruction of the existing ramp. Traffic is anticipated to be shifted over to the temporary ramp later this month. Work will begin on Harlem Avenue later this fall. Details and impacts to traffic will be shared in advance, closer to the start date.

The \$43.3 million project consists of reconstructing and resurfacing Harlem Avenue over 95<sup>th</sup> Street between 92<sup>nd</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> Place, reconstructing the Harlem Avenue/95<sup>th</sup> Street interchange, installing modernized traffic signals, lighting, drainage improvements and new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. The project also includes rehabilitating the Harlem Avenue bridges over the CSX Railroad and over 95<sup>th</sup> Street along with the eastbound 95<sup>th</sup> Street elevated ramp to southbound Harlem Avenue outer connector ramp over the CSX Railroad. Additionally, 95<sup>th</sup> Street from I-294 to New England Avenue will be resurfaced and new storm sewers installed.

The overall project is anticipated to be completed in late 2025.

The public can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Alternative routes are encouraged. 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.

Over the [next six years](#), 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. [Accomplishments](#) 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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