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I-64 bridge replacements at Grayville begin Aug. 19

CARBONDALE – The Illinois Department of Transportation today announced that a project to replace the two existing bridges on Interstate 64 crossing the Wabash River just east of Grayville in White County begins, weather permitting, Monday, Aug. 19.

The \$136 million improvement project will take place over six consecutive construction seasons, broken down into the following stages:

Stage 1: During construction, motorists can expect lane closures on I-64 in White County. At least one lane will always remain open in both directions. Work will include pavement repairs and construction of crossovers for a future traffic shift. Construction is anticipated to be completed in early winter 2024.

Stage 2: Once the crossovers are complete, traffic will share the eastbound I-64 lanes. Work will consist of demolition of the westbound I-64 bridge and construction of the new eastbound and westbound bridges. Work is anticipated to begin in winter 2024 and construction of the new structures is anticipated to be completed in fall 2028.

Stage 3: The remaining work will include removal of the existing eastbound structure. Motorists can expect lane closures and lane shifts. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2028 and be completed in fall 2029.

Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changing conditions and all detour signs prior to the work zone, 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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