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## **Culvert work on Illinois 97/123 near Petersburg begins Aug. 26**

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the extension of three box culverts on Illinois 97/123 between the entrance to New Salem State Park and Illinois 123. Work begins Monday, Aug. 26.

To complete the box culvert extensions, only one lane of traffic will be open. Traffic signals will be installed to assist with traffic control. The box culvert extension will improve drainage and move certain hazards farther away from the road.

Additionally, tree trimming along Illinois 97/123 between Illinois 123 and North Shore Road will begin in October and is expected to be completed by the end of December.

Motorists are encouraged to follow the posted detour or will need to find an alternate route. 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 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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