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## Lane shifts at Harrison Avenue and U.S. 20 in Cherry Valley begin Sept. 6

**ROCKFORD** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, traffic on Harrison Avenue and U.S. 20 in Cherry Valley will be shifted onto new pavement in the area of its interchange with Interstate 39 beginning the evening of Friday, Sept. 6, and continuing overnight through Saturday, Sept. 7. The traffic shift is needed to build the new westbound lanes as part of the \$44.2 million project to convert the interchange with I-39 from a cloverleaf into a diverging diamond design on Harrison Avenue and U.S. 20.

The traffic shift will begin just east of Perryville Road, and traffic will transition back onto the existing pavement east of the Mill Road intersection. The northbound I-39 to eastbound U.S. 20 ramp will reopen to traffic, and both westbound Harrison Avenue traffic and South Mall Drive traffic will remain in their current configuration. It is anticipated that westbound traffic will be moved to the new pavement within the week.

Details of the traffic shift include:

- All eastbound Harrison Avenue/U.S. 20 traffic will be shifted to the newly constructed eastbound lanes. The shift will be from the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Perryville Road to the intersection of U.S. 20 and Mill Road.
- All westbound Harrison Avenue/U.S. 20 traffic will remain in the westbound lanes from the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Perryville Road to the intersection of U.S. 20 and Mill Road. These lanes will relocate to the eastbound lanes next week.
- The northbound I-39 to eastbound U.S. 20 ramp (exit 122A) will reopen. Additionally, the southbound I-39 to eastbound U.S. 20 ramp (exit 122B) will reopen to traffic.
- Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions of U.S. 20 and Harrison Avenue at all times, with periodic lane closures as needed.
- Traffic on South Mall Drive will remain in its current configuration.

Much of the construction work on Harrison Avenue and U.S. 20 is expected to be completed by the end of the year, with work in 2025 focusing on the new interchange ramps. The majority of

the project is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2025, with some final touch-up work to be completed in spring 2026.

The I-39 and U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange project is part of a larger \$247.6 million, multiyear project made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital program to improve I-39 between the U.S. 20/Harrison Avenue interchange and Blackhawk Road in Cherry Valley and Rockford. More information about the I-39 reconstruction project is available on the [project webpage](#).

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 [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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