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## Interstate 57/74 Ramp Closures to begin on May 20th

Champaign, IL . The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that road work will begin on the Interstate 57/74 ramps on May 20, 2014 to improve the ride quality, improve the safety, and extend the service life of the ramps. Radar speed signs will also be installed. The ramps will be closed one ramp at a time for patching operations. Once all of the ramps have been patched, there will be approximately a 30 day waiting period before placement of the high friction surface treatment. To safely accommodate this work, a marked route detour will be used, utilizing the remaining ramps, Interstate 57 and the Market Street (exit 240) and Curtis Road (exit 232) interchanges. Signs and changeable message boards will be used throughout the project to guide the travelling public. The tentative closure schedule is as follows:

- 5/20 - Ramp DA (I-74 WB to I-57 SB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.
- 5/21 - Ramp CA (I-74 EB to I-57 SB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.
- 5/22 - Ramp DB (I-74 WB to I-57 NB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.
- 5/27 - Ramp BD (I-57 SB to I-74 EB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.
- 5/28 - Ramp BC (I-57 SB to I-74 WB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.
- 5/29 - Ramp AD (I-57 NB to I-74 EB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.
- 6/2 - Ramp AC (I-57 NB to I-74 WB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.
- 6/4 - Ramp CB (I-74 EB to I-57 NB) will be closed. It should reopen late on the same day.

Due to weather and other delays, this schedule may change. Please pay attention to the signs and message boards as they will have the most current information. We will update the schedule as necessary and follow up with the time table for the remaining work after the patching is done (during the 30 day waiting period). The overall project has an anticipated completion date of September 4, 2014. The contractor for the \$1,211,654 project is G.M. Sipes Construction.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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