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19th Street Construction in Moline to begin Monday

MOLINE – Beginning on Monday, Aug. 28, significant roadway construction will take place along 19th Street and 7th Avenue in Moline through early December.

As part of the reconstruction of the I-74 Mississippi River Bridge, the Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is implementing interchange ramp and intersection improvements. An important part of the project includes reconstructing the 19th Street and 7th Avenue intersection to improve traffic flow to and from downtown Moline and the new I-74 River Bridge. The Department and the City of Moline are leading the road projects at and around this intersection.

The 19th Street/7th Avenue roadway improvements in Moline will be implemented in the following stages:

- Beginning on Monday, Aug. 28, 19th Street will be closed from 12th Avenue to 7th Avenue.
- Beginning on Monday, Aug. 28, there will be daily lane closures on 7th Avenue between 18th Street and 23rd Street.
- Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 5, vehicles traveling westbound on 7th Avenue will be unable to make a left turn onto the I-74 on-ramp. There will be a posted detour route sending westbound 7th Avenue traffic around the block to 18th Street, 6th Avenue, 19th Street and back to eastbound 7th Avenue to take the I-74 eastbound on-ramp. This detour is expected to be in place through mid-September.
- Beginning in mid-September, the intersection of 19th Street and 7th Avenue will be closed completely. Detour routes will be marked to steer vehicles away from the intersection.

The above work along 19th Street and 7th Avenue is anticipated to be complete by early December.

Additional City of Moline-led road projects are taking place throughout downtown Moline. River Drive is closed for street repairs between 34th Street and 23rd Street through early September. The Arsenal access at 4th Avenue and at 14th Street is currently closed. Traffic will be able to access the ramp from River Drive only and detours are marked. Currently, River Drive is limited to one lane in each direction between 19th Street and 23rd Street through late September.

Motorists are encouraged to drive with caution and obey the posted speed limit and other signs in the work area.

The I-74 Mississippi River Bridge project is part of a regional strategy for improving access across the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities. Construction is anticipated to take place over 3 ½ years.

For updates on the I-74 Mississippi River Bridge project and to get the most up-to-date construction news, visit the project website at I74RiverBridge.com. Follow the project on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube @I74RiverBridge.

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