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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work will resume on the IL 173 (West Lane Road) reconstruction in Machesney Park on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Mitchell Road will be closed north of IL 173 to allow for construction of the new roadway connection to IL 173. Mitchell Road will remain closed until the end of June.

William Charles Construction Company is the contractor for the \$28 million project to reconstruct IL 173 from Alpine Road to the I-39/90 interchange. The project is scheduled to be completed by November 6, 2015.

Drivers should be alert for flaggers directing traffic as work progresses to construct the new four lane pavement on the east portion of the project from Perryville Road to I-39/90. The existing two lanes will be removed as the new four lane pavement is constructed.

The new pavement for the west portion of the project from Alpine Road to Perryville Road was built during the 2014 construction season. There will continue to be lane closures on the west section this summer as there are many items left to complete. These include final intersection pavement at Forest Hills Road, curb and median work, landscaping and pavement markings. Drivers need to be prepared for the changing traffic control throughout the project and watch for workers and slow moving construction vehicles.

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

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