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52/61/151 Southbound Lane Closure

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) reports the improvement project for highways 52/61/151 in southern Dubuque is proceeding as weather permits and the southbound lanes are expected to be closed as early as next week.

This Iowa DOT project includes reconstruction of U.S. 52/61/151 from the Grandview interchange to the U.S. 52 intersection, the replacement of both existing bridges spanning Catfish Creek, installation of a median barrier, and improvements at the U.S. 52 intersection with U.S. 61/151.

Northbound traffic on highways 52/61/151 through the project corridor is already reduced to one lane and will remain so until this fall. The southbound lanes are expected to be closed next week and redirected onto the adjacent northbound roadway in a two-way fashion, roughly from the U.S. 52 intersection with U.S. 61/151 north to the Grandview Avenue overpass. This diversion will combine four lanes into two “head on” lanes with one-lane traffic in each direction. Additionally, the southbound exit ramp from Grandview Avenue will be closed for this phase of the project, which is expected to last for the entire 2013 construction season. However, all ramps will be open and the road will be open to four lanes (two lanes in each direction) during winter months between the first and second phases of the project.

For information on this and other Iowa DOT projects, visit the Iowa 511 website (www.511ia.org). The Iowa DOT will be creating a public information web page specific to this project at www.iowadot.gov/ole/otherprojectinfo.html.

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