MT. VERNON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces construction on I-57/I-64 in Mount Vernon is progressing on schedule. E.T. Simonds, the contractor for this project, is constructing the final phase of the northbound and southbound lanes of I-57/I-64 on the south end of the project. This work is expected to be completed by the beginning of December as originally scheduled.

The northbound and southbound lanes on the south end of the project are currently reduced to one lane. These lane reductions are expected to continue for approximately one month and were put in place at this time according to the lower traffic count for the area. Alternate routes for the area are expected to be re-installed by the end of this week.

Phase 4 involves removing the southbound center lane and the northbound passing and driving lanes, and replacing them with new continuously reinforced concrete PCC pavement. Pavement removal, dirt work, stabilized sub base HMA, tie bars, pavement reinforcement, and constructing the continuously reinforced concrete pavement will also be completed.

This project is located between the tri-level structures of I-57/I-64 in the Mt. Vernon area and consists of rehabilitating the existing lanes of Interstate 57/64 and constructing a new third lane to mitigate traffic congestion in the northbound and southbound directions.

Motorists should be aware of lane closures, lane shifts, and work zone speed limit reductions. Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.