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Rep. May Calls for Increased State Police Patrols as Edens Expressway Re-Opens

SPRINGFIELD, IL – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) on Friday announced that the Illinois State Police has agreed to increased patrols now that daytime construction has ended on I-94, the Edens Expressway. She also reminded motorists to put safety first and watch their speeds now that the three lanes have returned to an open road.

“I have asked the Illinois State Police for additional troopers to patrol my district, both the Edens and Hwy. 41,” May said. “By having additional police presence, we hope to reduce the incidence of driving under the influence and speed racing to make all motorists safer. We should all welcome the end of construction and congestion on the Edens, but at the same time, as motorists, we should not treat it as an open speedway.”

The Illinois Department of Transportation advises motorists that they will be driving on a rough road surface on sections of the Edens until the final layer of smooth-riding asphalt has been laid. The Edens Rehabilitation Project includes patching and resurfacing six bridge decks and resurfacing all three lanes of the entire length of the 14-mile expressway from Lawrence Avenue to Lake Cook Road. However, overnight lane closures will continue for resurfacing until the project completion at the end of September.

“I’d like to thank the Illinois State Police for its responsiveness to my request,” said Rep. May. “While there were plans for an increased state police presence for the busy Labor Day weekend, Capt. Peter Negro, has assured me he plans increased patrols for the indefinite future on the Edens and Hwy. 41 just North of the Edens.”

The Illinois State Police will be enforcing the 45-mile per hour work zone speed limit, both for the safety of construction workers and motorists. The minimum fine for speeding in a work zone is \$375, whether there are workers present or not. Posted signs advise motorists of a \$10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

For more information, visit www.ilga.gov, or contact May at (847) 433-9100 or information about the Edens project is available online at dot.state.il.us.

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