

Roadwork to begin on Rt. 31 Western Bypass
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ALGONQUIN – The Illinois Department of Transportation is scheduled to begin road construction of the Route 31 Western Bypass in Algonquin in September.

F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen was awarded the \$33.3 million project, which includes construction of 2.11 miles of four-lane divided highway, a diamond interchange, four bridges, retaining walls and noise abatement walls west of downtown Algonquin, according to a news release from the village of Algonquin.

Site grading and excavation work began in April and is expected to be completed in December by Ryan Incorporated Central.

Motorists should expect delays as traffic on Algonquin Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Main Street and Meyer Drive beginning Sept. 10, weather permitting.

The McHenry County Economic Development Corporation will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 19 at the Algonquin Public Works Facility, 110 Meyer Drive in Algonquin.

Lane closures on Algonquin Road are expected through fall 2013.

Intermittent lane closures on Main Street also are planned, beginning in spring 2013.

Additionally, Towne Park will be closed to the public beginning Oct. 1 to allow the construction of the Western Bypass and a new 100-space parking lot, realignment of Crystal Creek, construction of a pedestrian bridge and integration of the park with the Prairie Path recreational trail.

Towne Park is expected to be closed until summer 2014.

Construction information by the Illinois Department of Transportation will be available throughout the project and may be viewed on Algonquin's website at www.algonquin.org.

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