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BUREAU OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
STUDIES & PLANS – PHASE II
FAS ROUTE 1388 (IL 8)
Section: (Z-1VB)BR-2
Job No. D-94-037-08
Catalog No. 033801-00D
Contract No. 68799

Superintendent Chad Wagner
Superintendent, Elmwood CUSD #322
301 W. Butternut Street
Elmwood, Illinois 61529

Dear Superintendent Wagner:

The Illinois Department of Transportation is in the construction phase for the replacement of the structure carrying Illinois Route 8 over Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway at Edwards. Generally, the proposed improvement consists of removing the existing structure and constructing a new structure on a realigned Illinois Route 8. The structure being replaced on a realigned Illinois Route 8 has allowed for construction of the new structure to begin while traffic continues to use the existing roadway. However, a road closure will be necessary while the transition from the new roadway to the existing roadway is constructed at each end of the project during the 2023 construction season.

During the preliminary engineering phase of this project, a traffic management analysis was completed. The analysis determined that a state and local routes detour should be utilized during the closure of Illinois Route 8 at Edwards. The detour for traffic during the road closure will include the use of Sterling Avenue, Interstate 74, and Kickapoo-Edwards Road. Please see the attached detour map. The city of Peoria, city of West Peoria, and Peoria County have agreed to the use of their respective local routes as part of the detour.

The closure of Illinois Route 8 at Edwards is planned to occur on May 1, 2023. The completion of the project and opening of the roadway is planned to occur on October 31, 2023.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the planned road closure in more detail, please contact Mr. Kevin Horst of our office at (309) 671-3472.

Sincerely,



Kensil A. Garnett, P.E.
Region Three Engineer

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