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# Roadwork around hospital ends soon

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PEORIA - Motorists headed to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center have been given a reprieve.

Roadwork on Glen Oak Avenue between the hospital and Spalding Avenue is scheduled to be complete Monday, 11 days earlier than expected. That one-way section of Glen Oak closed Oct. 8 to align it with a renovated Spalding.

The closure was one of three coordinated projects around the hospital intended to renovate intersections with Spalding. The early completion has altered the timetables for the other two projects.

Greenleaf Street between Fowler Street and Spalding now will close when Glen Oak opens. Glendale Avenue at the intersection of Spalding will close in early November for about one week.

Illinois Department of Transportation resident engineer Kevin Wheelwright said although the work is ahead of schedule, the main goal of keeping emergency vehicle traffic flowing remains the same.

"Out here, minutes might make a difference in somebody's life," Wheelwright said. "We're making this as easy as possible to contend with."

When Greenleaf closes, access to the Medi-Park 2 parking ramp will be available from the reopened section of Glen Oak. PALS Pre-School and Kindergarten on Greenleaf can be accessed from Fowler.



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Construction around St. Francis will continue through the remainder of the Interstate 74 overhaul, though none will affect traffic at the hospital as much as current work.

Other I-74-related work continuing through next week includes:

- Traffic on the southbound lanes of Sterling Avenue continues to be shifted into middle lanes. West Lake Avenue and Scenic Drive between Sterling and Rockwood Drive are closed. An unnamed street between West Lake and Sterling has opened, as has Eugenia Avenue. Temporary traffic lights at those intersections regulate traffic.

- Intermittent lane reductions will occur throughout the week on I-74 from the Interstate 155 interchange east of Peoria to the Kickapoo/Edwards Road overpass to the west.

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