# WORK ZONE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE: ILLINOIS

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**[Organization] Supports the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Work Zone Safety Outreach Campaign in Illinois**

**[City, State]** – **[Organization]** announced today it is joining efforts to help reduce large truck crashes in works zones by supporting a state-wide work zone safety outreach campaign led by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). **[Organization]** calls on all drivers to “share work zones safely” by staying alert, obeying traffic signs, and allowing all vehicles extra space while driving through Illinois’s active work zones.

Throughout the campaign FMCSA will amplify safety messages through outlets such as billboards and audio ads, reaching commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers traveling through work zones including:

• Ramp to Interstate 57 SB

• I-280 WB

• I-290 EB MP6 over I-355

• I-80 EB Des Plaines River

• I-57 SB Missouri State Line

“We are pleased to be a part of an effort to remind not only CMV drivers, but all those on Illinois’ roadways to slow down and pay attention when driving through work zones,” said **[spokesperson].** “There is a clear need to raise awareness on work zone safety. We’re proud of the Prairie State for many reasons–but we still need everyone to do their part to prevent roadway crashes.”

Every day, travelers and residents drive across Illinois’ 15,969 miles of roadway and 7,847 bridges. Consistently, the state ranks as one of the top states with the highest number of work zone crashes involving a CMV. In 2021 alone, the state saw 136 fatal crashes involving a CMV, and 6% of those crashes were in work zones. These data points and other strong statistics demonstrate the importance of work zone safety outreach in Illinois, for the collective effort to reduce work zone crashes and save lives.

For more information on work zone safety, visit the campaign [website](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ourroads/work-zone-safety-shareable-material).

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