



# McHenry County

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#### **New Rakow/Randall Road Construction Speed Limit to go into Effect**

WOODSTOCK, IL - A new construction speed limit zone for Rakow/Randall Road will go into effect beginning on July 8, 2011. The new speed limit will be 35 miles per hour, and construction speed limit signs will be posted to mark the zone which will run from Rakow Road/Randall Road between Ackman Road and IL 31. The minimum fine for violation of the construction speed limit will be \$ 375. It is expected the speed zone will remain in effect until project completion scheduled for the Fall of 2012.

Speeding, impatience, and driver inattention are the leading factors in work zone crashes, so drivers should slow down and stay alert in work zones for their own safety as well as construction workers. Road construction zones require greater driver caution due to features such as narrow lanes, lane shifts, reduced shoulder width, obstructions and drop-offs. Over 90 percent of Illinois' traffic related work zone fatalities are motorists.

This is the first year of the two-year program to widen Rakow/Randall Road between Ackman Road and Illinois Route 31. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete in the Fall of 2012, and will widen and reconstruct Rakow/Randall Road from two lanes to six lanes between Ackman and Pyott Road, and from two lanes to four lanes between Pyott Road and IL 31. The project will also include the construction of dual left turn lanes at key intersections.

Rakow Road project information and project personnel contact information is available at the project website [www.rakowroad.com/](http://www.rakowroad.com/). In addition, a project information mailing list is available on the website to receive up-to-date project information as construction progresses, and project update information is also available on Twitter: @[RakowRoad](https://twitter.com/RakowRoad).

*Call Terry Heffron, Project Liaison at (630) 205-1198 for additional information regarding this release.*

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