

## **Bookmark 'Getting Around Illinois' for latest winter road conditions**

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SPRINGFIELD — As the official start of winter approaches, the Illinois Department of Transportation reminds travelers to visit and bookmark the newly redesigned <a href="MaintingAroundIllinois.com">GettingAroundIllinois.com</a> for continually updated information on road conditions.

"The new-and-improved <u>GettingAroundIllinois.com</u> is a great resource any time of the year, but especially during winter when road conditions can quickly change," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. "Illinois has the third-largest highway system in the nation, so we know it is important to provide the public with a convenient way to access information they know they can trust."

Available on your computer or mobile device, the website includes the ability to identify and zoom in to a location, travel route or destination. Road conditions are recorded by IDOT plow drivers out in the field and relayed through GettingAroundIllinois.com through a cloud-based system.

The site's winter road conditions map averages more than 2 million visitors during snow-and-ice season. Recent updates to this map include more detailed reports of snow coverage and a color scheme that aligns with map technology used by surrounding states, creating a more seamless travel experience for motorists.

"Visit <u>GettingAroundIllinois.com</u> before making the decision to drive this winter," Secretary Blankenhorn said. "By planning ahead before every trip and practicing safe driving habits on the road, we can make this the safest winter yet."