



The Illinois International Port District (IIPD) has officially kicked off its first major capital project. The \$17M Capital improvement initiative, Butler Drive Rehabilitation Project, began with the delivery of rail equipment to the port. Once the rail equipment has been assembled on-site, replacement of the rail will begin in sections.

“This multi-year, multi-million-dollar project will begin to usher in a new and exciting era at the Illinois International Port District,” said Clayton Harris III, Executive Director for the IIPD.

The IIPD is working closely with its rail contractor, RailWorks, its rail provider, Chicago South Shore, and project partner, the Cook County Department of Highways, to ensure that the port tenants and port activity are not disrupted. The rehabilitation of Butler Drive will proceed in two phases: phase I focusing on the rail improvement and phase II focusing on the road improvement.

“This capital improvement will help us facilitate sustained growth at our Lake Calumet facility,” said Stephen Mosher, Vice President of the North America Stevedoring Company. “Sustained growth allows us to continue to create more opportunities in the region.”

**About Illinois International Port District:**

Founded in the late 1950s, the IIPD was established as an independent municipal corporation to oversee harbor and port development across 1,600 acres of marshland at Lake Calumet. Today, the IIPD operates on two waterway systems and moves more general cargo than any other port on the Great Lakes, maintaining Chicago’s place among the top 36 ports in the nation. The IIPD is also the Grantee for Foreign-Trade Zone #22.