

# ***December 2018 Update.....***

The Jane Byrne (Circle) Interchange reconstruction continues at a steady pace with a number of major projects starting construction and others fully in the midst of active work. The following contracts are well under construction:

- **Northeast Ramp from Dan Ryan to Inbound Congress Parkway**  
Construction of the Northeast Ramp between the Dan Ryan northbound to the inbound Congress Parkway is effectively complete. Various electrical improvements continue and the Contractor is completing finish work and punch list tasks. Due to adjacent work on the Eastbound (Inbound) Congress Parkway bridge, the Northeast ramp will not open until the additional work is mostly complete.
- **Westbound (Outbound) Congress Parkway**  
Congress Parkway rehabilitation and construction is effectively complete. Traffic continues to be staged to support the westbound mainline pavement work and other projects. The Contractor is completing miscellaneous punch list tasks and electrical work.
- **Westbound (Outbound) I-290 Mainline**  
The reconstruction of the westbound (outbound) lanes of the mainline Eisenhower from I-90/94 to Racine Avenue continues. Traffic has been shifted into a stage that allows full pavement and barrier wall reconstruction work along the median. Removal of the existing roadway is ongoing. Electrical improvements and various pavements and barrier walls have been completed. The project is anticipated to be completed in summer 2019.
- **Van Buren Street Bridge over I-90/94**  
The bridge was closed to traffic on 10/9/2017. In order to construct the proposed bridge structure, the existing ramp from the Southbound Kennedy (I-90/94) to eastbound (inbound) Congress Parkway was closed in mid-January. All structural steel components have been installed and the contractor is continuing to complete backfilling of the abutment excavations on both ends of the bridge. The contractor will soon begin building elements of the proposed retaining wall connecting the Van Buren Street bridge to the Halsted Street bridge. The project includes the full reconstruction of the bridge, a new retaining wall between Van Buren Street and Halsted Street and reconstruction of Van Buren Street pavement and drainage and major improvements to an existing City of Chicago combined sewer siphon beneath the expressway. In coordination with Greektown, major improvements will also be made within Elysian Field on the southeast corner of Van Buren and Halsted Streets. The project is anticipated to be completed in the late spring of 2019.
- **Water Main Improvements at Jackson Boulevard**  
The project has installed a brand new 16" water main for the City of Chicago beneath I-90/94. The water main utilizes a 30" steel casing pipe under I-90/94 with riser shaft structures on both sides of the expressway. Minor punch list items remain. Traffic on Jackson Boulevard has been restored to the normal configuration.

- **Eastbound (Inbound) I-290 Mainline**

The reconstruction of the inbound mainline lanes of the Eisenhower from west of Racine Avenue to I-90/94 began in the fall of 2017. Traffic is staged in order to allow construction progress. Construction of retaining walls and proposed pavement along the south side of I-290 continues, with the majority of the retaining wall improvements complete. Major storm sewer work continues with the closure of the ramp from Westbound I-290 to Southbound I-90/94 and the Southbound exit from I-90/94 to Taylor Street in mid-May 2018. The closures have been needed to build large pits required to install storm sewers between 42" and 60" in diameter. The excavations continue to be removed in late December. Pavement removal and storm sewer installation continues west of Halsted Street. The overall project is anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2019.

- **Eastbound (Inbound) Congress Parkway**

The construction of the inbound portion of Congress Parkway rehabilitation and mainline bridge reconstruction began in the fall of 2017. Traffic was shifted onto the newly reconstructed and improved inner lanes in late October. Demolition of the outer lanes of the existing bridges continues and foundation construction for the proposed portion of the bridge is progressing. The exit ramp to Canal Street was closed with the traffic shift. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times except for limited nighttime lane closures as needed for bridge deck work. The overall project is anticipated to be complete in the summer of 2019.

- **Retaining Wall and Water Main/Sewer Improvements Near University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC)**

The project includes the relocation and rehabilitation of one 48" water main from the City of Chicago Cermak Pumping Station, additional water main and drainage improvements and the construction of a retaining wall extending south of Harrison along the west side of I-90/94. The wall will be built along the University of Illinois – Chicago Student Recreation Facility and will create more space for the future construction/relocation of exit ramps from I-90/94 and I-290 to Taylor Street and the West-South Ramp connecting the outbound Congress Parkway to the southbound Dan Ryan. The proposed water main relocation work has continued with final connections and coordination with the City of Chicago ongoing. The rehabilitation of the existing water main below the highway pavement using carbon fiber wrap has been completed. Relocation of an existing 60" City of Chicago combined sewer is almost complete. Foundation construction for the retaining wall has been completed with excavation and lagging installation for the proposed wall continuing. The project completion is anticipated in the Spring of 2019.

- **Monroe Street Bridge over I-90/94**

The project includes the full reconstruction of the bridge, a new retaining wall south along the east side of I-90/94 reconstruction of Monroe Street pavement and drainage and miscellaneous ramp improvements. The project is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2019. The bridge was closed to vehicle traffic on February 26<sup>th</sup>. All bridge support piers and abutments have been completed and are now awaiting the placement of steel beams in January. Work for the retaining wall along the Madison Street exit ramp has been started. Numerous entrance and exit ramp closures will be staged to allow bridge construction. The project also includes the structural lining of a City of Chicago combined sewer siphon beneath WB I-290.

The Illinois Department of Transportation continues to be fully committed to complete the reconstruction of the Jane Byrne (Circle) interchange in an expeditious manner while enhancing the safety of motorists in the work zones and maintaining traffic flow within the City of Chicago Central Business District.

The project website is updated periodically so please visit us again.