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## **Weekend Closures for Byrne Flyover Work Start Aug. 21**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that several lane closures on the expressway system surrounding the Jane Byrne Interchange in Chicago have been scheduled for four weekends starting Aug. 21.

The closures are necessary for the installation of steel beams that will support the deck of the new flyover bridge linking the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (westbound Interstate 90/94) to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (westbound Interstate 290). Construction started in 2014, with lane closures put into effect in March.

The bridge, part of the larger Jane Byrne Interchange overhaul, will consist of six steel beams stretching across 12 piers. During the weekend closures, the beams will be placed for the portion of the bridge that arches over the Dan Ryan, Kennedy and the Eisenhower expressways.

The weekends were selected after coordinating with the City of Chicago to minimize the impact to special events and festivals. The city will remain open for business and visitors should not change their plans. But the public is advised to anticipate longer travel times if they are driving in this area during the weekends the closures are scheduled, especially during the overnight hours. The use of public transportation is encouraged.

To allow for the installation of the beams the first two weekends, the inbound Kennedy Expressway (eastbound I-90/94) ramp to inbound Congress Parkway will close the evening of Aug. 19 until the morning of Aug. 31. A detour route will be posted utilizing the Roosevelt Road exit, Jefferson Street, Harrison Street and Wells Street to connect with Congress Parkway.

The remaining closures and the impacts to traffic:

### **Aug. 21-23 and Aug. 28-30**

- Inbound Congress Parkway (eastbound I-290) at the Byrne Interchange will close at 10 p.m. both Fridays. Traffic can still access the I-90/94 exit ramps.

A detour will direct traffic to the outbound Dan Ryan's Roosevelt Road exit, Jefferson Street, Harrison Street and Wells Street to connect with Congress Parkway.

- Outbound Eisenhower (I-290) at the Byrne Interchange will close by 5 a.m. both Saturdays. Traffic can still access the I-90/94 exit ramps.

A detour will direct traffic to Wells Street, Harrison Street, Jefferson Street, Van Buren Street and Ashland Avenue to connect with the Eisenhower. Lower Wacker Drive also will follow this same detour.

- Both directions of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan (I-90/94) between Ohio Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Street will be reduced to one lane at 8 p.m. Saturday, with all lanes closed for 15-minute intervals between 10 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Sunday. All lanes will be reopened by 10 a.m. Sunday.

A recommended detour will direct traffic in both directions to the outbound Eisenhower's Ashland Avenue exit and entrance ramps to access the Kennedy and Dan Ryan again from the inbound Eisenhower.

- All lanes on Congress Parkway will reopen and the previous traffic configuration restored by 5 a.m. Monday.

### **Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 16-18**

- Outbound Eisenhower at the Byrne Interchange will close at 10 p.m. both Fridays. Traffic can still access the I-90/94 exit ramps.

A detour will direct traffic to Wells Street, Harrison Street, Jefferson Street, Van Buren Street and Ashland Avenue to connect with the Eisenhower.

- Inbound Kennedy (eastbound I-90/94) between Ohio Street and the Eisenhower will be reduced to one lane at 8 p.m. both Saturdays, with all lanes closed for 15-minute intervals between 10 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Sunday. All inbound lanes will be reopened by 8 a.m. both Sundays.

A recommended detour will direct traffic to the outbound Eisenhower's Ashland Avenue exit and entrance ramps to access the Dan Ryan from the inbound Eisenhower.

- All lanes on Congress Parkway will reopen and the previous traffic configuration restored by 5 a.m. Monday.

Dynamic Message Signs and traffic control aides with the city's Office of Emergency Management & Communications will be throughout the area during these weekends to help maintain the flow of traffic.

Motorists merely traveling through the region and seeking to avoid the work zone are advised to

use Interstate 80, Interstate 39, Interstate 294 (Tri-State Tollway), Interstate 355 (Veterans Memorial Tollway) and Lake Shore Drive.

All of the scheduled closures are weather dependent. They will be rescheduled for other weekends if the work cannot proceed due to unfavorable conditions.

The new flyover will replace an existing single-lane, winding ramp with a two-lane ramp and bridge that begins just south of Roosevelt Road and arches over Harrison Street, the rest of the Jane Byrne Interchange and Halsted Street before connecting to the outbound Eisenhower near Morgan Street. From ramp to ramp, the entire structure will be about one mile in length.

When it is complete next summer, the flyover will improve efficiency, traffic flow and safety for the approximately 400,000 motorists that drive through the Jane Byrne Interchange each day.

The overall Jane Byrne Interchange project will relieve congestion at one of the country's worst bottlenecks. The interchange where the Dan Ryan, Eisenhower and Kennedy expressways and Congress Parkway meet was built in the 1950s and 1960s and has long outlived its original design.

Please visit [www.circleinterchange.org](http://www.circleinterchange.org) for detailed closure information, other ongoing impacts to traffic and background information about the project, including a streaming high-resolution view of the work zone.

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