



Jane Byrne Interchange Flyover Ramp and Lane Closures Start Tuesday Night

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that ramp closures for construction of the new flyover bridge connecting the Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) to the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction will begin, weather permitting, Tuesday, March 10.

The staging of lanes will begin at 10 p.m. Tuesday night, with additional staging work continuing Wednesday and Thursday night, culminating in all lanes completely in stage by Friday morning. The entire project will require several lane and ramp closures until it is finished in Summer 2016.

Starting Tuesday night, the following closures and detours will go into effect:

- The ramp from Roosevelt Road to I-290/Congress Parkway will be closed. Detour routes will be posted. Motorists will be directed to continue east on Roosevelt Road to connect with Congress Parkway via Jefferson, Harrison and Wells streets. To connect with the outbound Eisenhower, motorists will be directed to continue west on Roosevelt Road and utilize Ashland Avenue and Van Buren Street.
- The ramp from Taylor Street to the inbound Dan Ryan (outbound Kennedy) will be closed. A detour route will be posted, directing motorists to use Taylor Street to Jefferson Street and re-enter the expressway at the Adams Street entrance ramp.

Staging work on I 90/94 will continue Wednesday and Thursday night.

Friday morning by 5 a.m., the following closures will be in place:

- The ramp from the inbound Dan Ryan to inbound Congress Parkway will be closed. A detour route will be posted, directing motorists to exit on Roosevelt Road to access Congress Parkway via Jefferson, Harrison and Wells streets.
- The inbound and outbound Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55) ramps to the Dan Ryan will be reduced from two lanes to one lane.
- The right lane of the inbound Dan Ryan from the Stevenson to Roosevelt Road will be closed.
- The ramp from the inbound Dan Ryan to the outbound Eisenhower will remain open, but shifted to a temporary roadway. The four lanes from Roosevelt Street to Van Buren Street will be narrowed.

The flyover will replace the existing single-lane ramp with a two-lane bridge that begins just south of Roosevelt Road, arching over Harrison Street, the entire Jane Byrne Interchange and Halsted Street, before connecting to the outbound Eisenhower near Morgan Street. The new ramp will be about one mile in length. Once complete, the flyover will improve efficiency, traffic flow and safety for the approximately 400,000 motorists that drive through the interchange each day.

Later this year, IDOT will schedule the installation of the flyover's beams over four weekends in coordination with the City of Chicago. During those weekends, access to inbound and/or outbound Congress Parkway will be closed from late Friday night into early Monday morning depending on where the beam erection sequence is occurring. In addition, multiple lanes on the Dan Ryan and Kennedy expressways will be closed for a duration of time overnight and into the morning hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Jane Byrne Interchange, the confluence of Congress Parkway and the Dan Ryan, Eisenhower and Kennedy expressways in downtown Chicago, has not been reconstructed since it was first built in the 1950s and 1960s. The improvements are estimated to reduce traffic delays by about 50 percent, saving motorists an anticipated 5 million hours in travel time and 1.6 million gallons of gas each year.

For more information on the \$475 million interchange project, including detours, updates and a live, streaming high-resolution view of the work zone, visit www.CircleInterchange.org.



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