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*****Traffic Alert*****

IDOT: Major Stage Change on EB I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) & EB I-90/94 (Dan Ryan Expressway) Ramp Scheduled for June 22

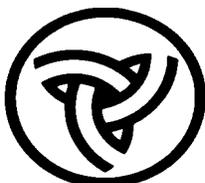
CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that weather permitting, a major stage change (traffic configuration) on the Circle Interchange, will begin Sunday, June 22, 2014.

Beginning Sunday night, lanes of eastbound I-290 from Morgan Street to the Halsted Street Bridge, will be reconfigured to carry 2 dedicated lanes to Congress Parkway, 1 dedicated lane to the outbound Kennedy Expressway, and 1 dedicated lane to the outbound Day Ryan Expressway. The ramp from the inbound Eisenhower to the outbound Dan Ryan will be reduced from 2 lanes to 1 lane.

The 1 lane ramp to the outbound Dan Ryan is expected to be in place until late summer/early fall 2014.

The closures on I-290 from Damen Avenue to Halsted Street, will occur between 11 p.m.—5 a.m. All lanes of Congress Parkway will be closed from 12—5 a.m. The posted detour will be to EB Dan Ryan ramp, exit to the Taylor Street ramp to Roosevelt Road, turn left onto Roosevelt Road and reenter WB I-90/94 to the Congress Parkway exit ramp. The WB Kennedy ramp will be closed between 1—5 a.m. The posted detour will be to EB Dan Ryan ramp, exit to the Taylor Street ramp, turn left onto Taylor Street and reenter WB I-90/94. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday.

This work is part of the ongoing Circle Interchange Reconstruction Project. Work is currently



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underway reconstructing the Morgan Street, Halsted Street, Peoria Street, bridges over I-290, and the Harrison Street Bridge over the Dan Ryan. The Circle Interchange connects the Eisenhower Expressway, Kennedy Expressway, Dan Ryan Expressway and Congress Parkway. Over 300,000 vehicles pass through the interchange on a daily basis. This project is being undertaken to improve safety and mobility, and reduce congestion through the interchange.

Motorists can expect significant delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signing in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at www.dot.state.il.us. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com.

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