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Taylor Street ramp at Jane Byrne to open Friday

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding the public that the reconstructed ramp from Taylor Street to the outbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will open, weather permitting, by 5 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14.

“The completion of the Taylor Street to Kennedy ramp is a significant step forward,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “The new ramp will improve traffic flow and help reduce delays for the more than 11,000 vehicles that use it daily. As progress continues and the finish line for this project gets closer, we ask for the public’s continued patience. Please, stay alert, slow down and give your undivided attention going through this and all other work zones.”

The new entrance ramp will connect to the northbound collector-distributor road that opened last month, with access to the exit ramps to Washington Boulevard, Madison, Randolph (*currently closed until spring*) and Lake streets, then continues north to join the outbound Kennedy at Lake Street.

As ongoing work continues, motorists should expect significant delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limit and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

The overall reconstruction project at the Jane Byrne Interchange will improve safety and traffic flow for the more than 400,000 motorists who use it each day, while also enhancing mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users in the surrounding neighborhoods.

For more information, visit www.janebyrneinterchange.org. The mobile-friendly website features a detailed project timeline with an interactive map, photo galleries, a live camera feed of the work zone, and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a “Contact Us” link.

The improved Jane Byrne Interchange will be substantially completed by the end of this year.

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