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Ida B. Wells Drive ramp to outbound Kennedy to close at the Jane Byrne Interchange

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, the ramp from outbound Ida B. Wells Drive (Interstate 290) to the outbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will close, weather permitting, starting at 1 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, with an anticipated reopening in early November.

The closure is necessary to construct new pavement. A detour will direct Ida B. Wells traffic north on Dearborn Street, west on Van Buren Street, north on Jefferson Street and west to the Madison Street ramp to connect to the outbound Kennedy.

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 limits 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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