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Overnight closures at Byrne start Saturday

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, overnight lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, are scheduled for the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) beginning, weather permitting, Saturday, March 5.

The closures are necessary to install steel support beams for a new Jackson Boulevard bridge over the expressway, anticipated to open in late December.

To complete the work, motorists should expect various overnight lane closures on both sides of the Kennedy, near Monroe Street. The closures will take place from 10 p.m. Saturdays to 10 a.m. Sundays and from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays, with full stops of all lanes for no longer than 15 minutes at a time beginning at 1 a.m. The following ramps will also be closed during that time: the inbound Kennedy ramp to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290), Lake, Randolph and Taylor streets.

The overnight closures are expected to continue through the week of March 21.

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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