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Inbound Kennedy lane changes at Jane Byrne

Split-lane configuration removed, mainline expressway work continues

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, a stage change is scheduled to take place on the inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) beginning, weather permitting, Thursday, May 12.

Starting at 10 p.m. Thursday, May 12, crews will begin to remove the current split-lane configuration on the inbound Kennedy near Van Buren Street. By 5 a.m. Friday, May 13, the new lane pattern will be in place. There will continue to be five inbound lanes and exits remain the same. The right lane stays as an exit lane to Monroe Street. The exit to Ida B. Wells Drive/outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) and Taylor Street remains the same. The three inbound through lanes will shift slightly to the left just after Van Buren Street, with the exits remaining the same. The ramp from inbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) to the outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will continue to be one lane and will shift slight to the right before joining the expressway.

The new configuration which allows southbound center lanes to be built from just south of Van Buren Street to just south of Roosevelt Road as part of ongoing construction on the mainline lanes of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan, remains in place through late summer.

Expect significant delays to continue 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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