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Overnight lane, ramp closures on Kennedy at Byrne

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 to take place on the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) near Lake Street, weather permitting, Saturday, Sept. 17.

The closures are necessary to install an overhead sign truss that spans over both directions of the Kennedy.

Starting at 10 p.m. Saturday, lane closures will begin on both directions of the Kennedy approaching Lake Street, with occasional full stops for no longer than 15 minutes at a time starting at 1 a.m. The following ramps will also be closed during that time: the inbound Kennedy ramp to Randolph Street and the entrance ramps from Randolph and Madison streets to the outbound Kennedy. Due to the short nature of the closures, no detour will be posted. Alternate routes are encouraged.

All lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18.

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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