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Jackson Boulevard, Adams Street bridges over the Kennedy at Byrne to reopen Dec. 1

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that two reconstructed bridges over the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) at the Jane Byrne Interchange will open, weather permitting, by 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1.

Both new bridges, Jackson Boulevard (eastbound) and Adams Street (westbound) are wider with two travel lanes and 10-foot-wide sidewalks, along with a dedicated bike lane on the Jackson Boulevard bridge. They also include new retaining and noise walls and new lighting, pavement and signage between Halsted and Des Plaines streets.

Additionally, the inbound Kennedy ramps to southbound Jackson Boulevard and to Adams Street will also reopen. The Jackson Boulevard ramp and the Adams Street ramp to the outbound Kennedy is anticipated to reopen in late December. The new ramps will connect to the northbound collector-distributor road that also provides access to the ramps to Washington Boulevard, Madison and Lake streets.

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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