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Overnight ramp, lane closures on Kennedy begin Sept. 3

Large overhead signs to be replaced over 12 nights, travel delays are anticipated, alternative routes are encouraged

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing efforts to rehabilitate the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94), in Chicago, overnight ramp and lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, are scheduled to take place over 12 nights beginning, weather permitting, Tuesday, Sept. 3. The closures are necessary to safely replace sign structures and install new overhead signs along both sides of the expressway.

To complete the work, the public should expect overnight and weekend ramp and lane closures, down to one lane approaching each location. The closures are scheduled to take place from approximately 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from 10 p.m. Saturdays to 7 a.m. Sundays. Starting at 1 a.m. each night, full stops for no longer than 15 minutes at a time will take place. The following schedule is weather permitting and subject to change:

Inbound Kennedy

- Tuesday, Sept. 3 – approaching Western Avenue and Logan Boulevard.
- Wednesday, Sept. 4 – approaching Armitage Avenue.
- Saturday, Sept. 7 – between Ohio Street and Milwaukee Avenue.
  - The Ontario Street ramp to the Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will also be closed.
- Monday, Sept. 9 – approaching Kostner Avenue.
- Tuesday, Sept. 10 – approaching Pulaski Avenue.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 – approaching Sacramento Avenue.
- Thursday, Sept. 12 – approaching Western Avenue and Logan Boulevard.
- Saturday, Sept. 12 – approaching Ohio Street.
- Sunday, Sept. 13 – approaching Pulaski Avenue.
- Monday, Sept. 14 – approaching Milwaukee Avenue.

Outbound Kennedy

- Thursday, Sept. 5 – approaching Fullerton Avenue.
- Sunday, Sept. 8 – approaching Fullerton Avenue.
  - The Ontario Street ramp to the Ryan will also be closed.

The public 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, slow down and be on the alert for workers and equipment. Traveling during non-peak hours and utilizing mass transit – Chicago Transit Authority's Blue Line and Metra's Union Pacific Northwest Line, as well as Pace – are recommended throughout the duration of the project, if possible.

For more information, visit https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/Interstate-90-Kennedy-Bridge-Study. The website features project details, maps, photos and fact sheets. The public can email questions to DOT.KennedyRehab@illinois.gov. For systemwide traffic and road conditions, visit www.gettingaroundillinois.com. You also can follow IDOT on Facebook and X.

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