

KENNEDY EXPRESSWAY BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT



KENNEDY EXPRESSWAY OUTBOUND IMPROVEMENTS

Anticipated Spring 2025 – Fall 2025 (Project completion goal – Thanksgiving 2025)

Overview

Officially opened in 1960, the Kennedy Expressway supports an average of 275,000 vehicles a day. In 2025, IDOT will start the rehabilitation of the Interstate 90/I-94 outbound lanes to increase safety, reduce maintenance costs and improve traffic flow.

2025 Project Goals:

- 19 bridge structure rehabilitations
- Pavement patching
- Overhead sign replacements
- New sign structures
- LED lighting upgrades
- Structural steel repairs
- New pavement markings

**WORK BEGINS
MARCH 17**

Traffic Impacts

Staging of the work zone and sequencing of ramp improvements will be done throughout the project to help accelerate construction.

March – Mid-July

- Reversible express lanes will remain outbound only.
- Two left lanes closed from Division Street to Kostner Avenue.
- Outbound express lane users must exit onto Edens Expressway. First exit will be Edens Expressway at Foster Avenue.
- Outbound O'Hare Airport traffic must stay on mainline; there is no O'Hare exit from the express lanes.

Mid-July – Thanksgiving

- Two to three right lanes closed from Division Avenue to north end of project.
- Outbound express lane traffic permitted to exit at Keeler Avenue/Kostner Avenue back onto the mainline Kennedy and Edens Expressways.

September – Thanksgiving

- Traffic will remain outbound only.
- Pavement patching work will take place at the junction protected with barrier wall.

Ramp Closures

Outbound lane improvements will continue until Thanksgiving and will require lane and ramp closures. IDOT will provide a schedule of all planned closures and estimated durations.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

For a full list of closures in each stage of construction, visit

<https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/Interstate-90-Kennedy-Bridge-Study> or email dot.kennedyrehab@illinois.gov.

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Rehabilitation Timeline

Below is a general timeline for a single bridge rehabilitation (weather permitting).



1 week
to demolish
bridge deck



2 weeks
to replace and
repair bridge joints



1 week
to install
latex concrete



2 weeks
to let concrete set to
ensure full strength

Project Location Map – Outbound Lane Bridge Structures

