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New Traffic Pattern for I-55/Lake Shore Drive Interchange Reconstruction Project

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that overnight lane and ramp closures will take place on northbound Lake Shore Drive, in Chicago, for a stage change, as part of the ongoing Interstate 55/Lake Shore Drive (U.S. 41) Interchange Reconstruction Project, beginning, weather permitting, Thursday, October 13.

In order to complete the stage change, the right lane on northbound Lake Shore Drive will be closed from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday. The ramp from northbound Lake Shore Drive to the southbound Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55) also will be closed. A detour will direct northbound Lake Shore Drive traffic to exit at 18th Street, re-enter southbound Lake Shore Drive and use the ramp to the southbound Stevenson.

In the new traffic pattern, northbound Lake Shore Drive will be reduced from four lanes to three lanes, starting just before 31st Street. Motorists will travel on the newly-constructed ramp from northbound Lake Shore Drive to the southbound Stevenson Expressway.

The overall project is expected to be completed in Fall 2017.

Motorists can expect delays and should 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.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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