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TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT CLOSURES AT BYRNE START SATURDAY

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that overnight lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, are scheduled over two nights to continue the work to place new ramp beams at the Jane Byrne Interchange starting, weather permitting, Saturday, Dec. 21.

Starting at 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the inbound lanes of the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will be reduced to one lane between Chicago Avenue and Harrison Street. At 1 a.m. both nights, full closures for no longer than 15 minutes at a time will take place on inbound Kennedy at Jackson Boulevard.

All lanes will fully reopen by 7 a.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday.

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 closures are necessary to erect steel beams for the new inbound Kennedy to inbound Ida B. Wells Drive ramp, part of the ongoing Byrne reconstruction.

The Jane Byrne Interchange project will improve safety and traffic flow for the more than 400,000 motorists who use it daily, while enhancing mobility for bicycles, pedestrians and transit. The overall project is expected to conclude in 2022.

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