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Overnight Ike, Kennedy closures for Monroe Street bridge

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the placement of beams for the new Monroe Street bridge over Interstate 90/94 (Kennedy Expressway) will require several days of overnight expressway lane and ramp closures starting, weather permitting, Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The work will occur in three stages:

Stage 1

- Starting at 10 p.m. next Tuesday and Wednesday, lane closures begin on the southbound Kennedy, with the Jackson Boulevard and Adams Street exit ramps closed. The three right expressway lanes will be closed at 1 a.m. All lanes and ramps reopen by 5 a.m.

Stage 2

- Starting at 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb 24, lane closures begin on the northbound Kennedy, with the Adams Street and Jackson Boulevard entrance ramps closed. At 11:59 p.m., the two left expressway lanes will be closed. All lanes and ramps reopen by 10 a.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday.
- Starting at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb 24 lane closures begin on the southbound Kennedy, with the Randolph Street and Madison Street entrance ramps closed. The Kennedy express lanes will be closed as well. At 1 a.m., the four left lanes will be closed, with all lanes closed intermittently for no more than 15 minutes at Monroe Street until 7 a.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday. All lanes and ramps reopen by 10 a.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday.

Stage 3

- Starting at 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26, the left lane of the southbound Kennedy will be closed until 5 a.m.
- Starting at 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26, lanes closures begin on the northbound Kennedy, with the Adams Street and Jackson Boulevard entrance ramps

closed. At 1 a.m., the four left lanes will be closed, with all lanes closed intermittently for no more than 15 minutes at Monroe Street. All lanes and ramps reopen by 5 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Starting at 1 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26, the westbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) to northbound Kennedy ramp will be closed until 5 a.m. A detour will direct traffic south on Wells Street, west on Harrison Street, south on Desplaines Street and west on Roosevelt Road to reconnect with the northbound Kennedy.

The Monroe Street bridge is one of several expressway bridge improvement projects included in the Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction. Of those bridges, the following are completed and open to traffic: Halsted Street, Taylor Street, Morgan Street, Harrison Street and Peoria Street.

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 and to view a live camera feed of the work zone, visit www.circleinterchange.org.

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