

6/15 UPDATE: Due to the forecast, tonight's stage change has been rescheduled for tomorrow night, weather permitting. Lane and ramp closures will begin at 10 p.m. Sunday, with intermittent full stops starting at 1 a.m. All lanes and ramps will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday.

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Work zone, Ike lane reconfiguration at Byrne

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that a new lane configuration will go into effect, weather permitting, Sunday, June 16, for the inbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction.

In the new configuration, one lane will be closed on the inbound Eisenhower from Ogden Avenue to Halsted Street, reducing lanes from four to three, with traffic shifted to the south. The left and center lanes will access inbound Ida B. Wells Drive, with the ramp to the outbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) accessible from the center lane. The right lane will access the outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94).

The new configuration will last for the remainder of this year to complete construction of the new inbound pavement between Racine Avenue and Halsted Street.

Overnight lane and ramp closures will take place this weekend, weather permitting, in order to reconfigure the work zone.

Starting at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 15, the inbound Eisenhower will be reduced to two lanes between Damen Avenue and Halsted Street. The Ashland Avenue entrance ramp and Racine Avenue exit ramp will be closed. The lanes to Ida B. Wells Drive between Halsted Street and Wells Street also will be closed.

At 1 a.m. Sunday, the inbound Eisenhower will be reduced to a single lane, with the ramp to the outbound Kennedy closing. The inbound Eisenhower ramp to the outbound Kennedy and Ida B. Wells Drive will reopen at one point during the overnight hours, with the inbound Eisenhower ramp to the outbound Dan Ryan (Interstate 90/94) closing. Detours will be posted while the ramps are closed.

All lanes and ramps will reopen by 8 a.m. Sunday.

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.

For more information on the Byrne project and to view a live camera feed of the work zone, visit www.circleinterchange.org.

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