5/22 UPDATE: Tonight, weather permitting, IDOT will begin removing traffic barricades and start restriping to accommodate the reopening of the second inbound Eisenhower Expressway lane to Ida B. Wells Drive by 5 a.m. Thursday.

To permit the restriping of lanes, the inbound Eisenhower to Ida B. Wells will be closed at Ashland Avenue at 11:59 p.m. Traffic will be detoured to the southbound Dan Ryan and the Roosevelt Road exit to connect with Ida B. Wells via Jefferson, Harrison and Wells streets.

If inclement weather does not allow the work to be completed, the single lane inbound will reopen and additional overnight closures scheduled.

In the new configuration, the inbound lanes still will be split near Ashland Avenue. The two left lanes will go to Ida B. Wells, the two right lanes will go to the outbound Kennedy and outbound Dan Ryan. This stage will be in place for approximately four to six weeks. Traffic will be on the left and right, with the work zone in the middle.

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Overnight lane closures, work zone change at Byrne

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that overnight lane and ramp closures will take place on the inbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290), in Chicago, weather permitting, Saturday, May 11, in order to adjust lane configurations in the work zone as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction.

The change to the work zone will accommodate the continued construction of new pavement on the inbound expressway and require reducing Ida B. Wells Drive to one lane for approximately two weeks.

Starting at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, the inbound Eisenhower will be reduced to two lanes between Damen Avenue and the Old Chicago Post Office. At 1 a.m. Sunday, the inbound Eisenhower will be reduced to a single lane, with the inbound Eisenhower ramp to the outbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) closing. The inbound Eisenhower ramp to the outbound Kennedy will reopen at one point during the overnight hours, with the inbound Eisenhower ramp to the outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) closing. Detours will be posted while the ramps are closed.

The new traffic configuration will be in effect by 8 a.m. Sunday.

In the new configuration, three inbound Eisenhower lanes will be split near Ashland Avenue. Motorists traveling to Ida B. Wells Drive should stay in the left lane. Motorists traveling to the outbound Kennedy and outbound Dan Ryan should be in the right two lanes.

Additionally, the inbound Eisenhower as it merges into Ida B. Wells Drive will be reduced to one lane. By May 28, a second lane will reopen, with Ida B. Wells traffic in the two left lanes.

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.

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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