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Weekend lane, ramp closures on outbound Kennedy

Second of three sections of the Montrose Avenue bridge to be removed

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing efforts to rebuild Montrose Avenue over the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94), weekend lane and ramp closures continue this Friday, May 1. The closures are necessary to safely remove the existing Montrose Avenue bridge over the expressway.

To avoid closing the expressway entirely and to minimize the impact to traffic, the south portion of the bridge will be removed over three weekends. The first segment, over the inbound lanes of the expressway, has already been removed.

Starting at 7 p.m. Friday, May 1, weather permitting, the outbound Kennedy approaching Diversey Avenue gradually will be reduced to a single lane and all traffic directed into the express lanes. At that point, motorists will not be able to exit the expressway. Outbound Kennedy traffic will continue onto the outbound Edens Expressway with the first exit at Foster Avenue. The outbound Edens exit ramp to Wilson Avenue will also be closed.

The outbound Kennedy exit ramp to Montrose Avenue will close at noon Friday. Additionally, the following ramps on the outbound Kennedy will be closed starting at 7 p.m. Friday.

- Entrance ramps - Armitage, Fullerton/Western, California and Kimball avenues, Addison Street and Irving Park Road (Illinois 19).
- Exit ramps – Diversey, Kedzie/Belmont, Kimball avenues, Addison Street, Pulaski/Irving Park roads, Kostner and Montrose avenues.

All lanes and ramps will reopen, with the express lanes resuming their normal operations, by 5 a.m. Monday, May 4.

Pedestrians accessing the Chicago Transit Authority's Blue Line station at Montrose Avenue can expect intermittent 15-minute sidewalk closures between 1 a.m., Saturday, May 2, and noon Sunday, May 3.

To maintain access to the CTA Blue Line station the structure is being removed and rebuilt in two phases. The first phase includes removing and constructing the south segment of the bridge.

During that time, the north segment of the bridge will remain in place to allow access to the CTA station. Later this summer, the north segment will be removed and rebuilt after completion of the south segment of the bridge.

Removal of the third and last section of the south portion of the bridge, over the Blue Line station and the express lanes, will be scheduled later this spring.

The overall Montrose Avenue improvements include removing and replacing the existing bridge and approach pavement, upgrading existing lighting and installing lighting under the bridge and over the CTA station. The project is expected to be completed in December.

While the bridge is being replaced, Montrose Avenue traffic is detoured to Cicero Avenue (Illinois 50), Irving Park Road and Pulaski Road.

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 remain 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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