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Lane, ramp closures on Kennedy begins Friday

Support beams to be installed at Montrose Avenue over seven nights

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), ramp and lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway stops, are scheduled over seven consecutive nights starting, weather permitting, Friday, Aug. 21.

The closures are necessary to install steel support beams for a new Montrose Avenue bridge over the expressway. To avoid closing the expressway entirely and to minimize the impact to traffic, the work will be broken down into three segments. The schedule is as follows:

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The outbound Kennedy approaching Addison Street will be reduced to three lanes between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., both Friday and Saturday and from 9 p.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday. At the same time, the inbound Kennedy approaching Montrose Avenue will be reduced to two lanes. The express lanes will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday

Aug. 24, 25

Starting at 9 p.m. both nights, the inbound Kennedy and Edens expressways approaching Montrose Avenue gradually will be reduced to a single lane and all traffic directed into the inbound express lanes. Inbound traffic will continue in the express lanes and will not be able to exit until Armitage Avenue.

Additionally, the ramp from Lawrence Avenue to the inbound Kennedy will be closed each night from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. The ramp from Wilson Avenue to the inbound Edens will be closed from 7 p.m. Monday to 5 a.m. Wednesday. All lanes reopen, with the express lanes resuming their normal operations, by 5 a.m. each morning.

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Starting at 9 p.m. both nights, the outbound Kennedy will be reduced to a single lane between Addison Street and Montrose Avenue. At 1 a.m. both nights, full traffic stops for no longer than 15 minutes at a time will take place on the outbound Kennedy, near Montrose Avenue. The

express lanes will also be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night. All lanes reopen by 5 a.m. each morning. In addition, the outbound exit ramp to Montrose Avenue will be closed from 7 p.m. Wednesday to 9 a.m. Friday.

Pedestrians accessing the Chicago Transit Authority's Blue Line station at Montrose Avenue can expect intermittent 15-minute sidewalk closures between 1 and 7 a.m., Saturday and Sunday and from 1 to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Later this year, the north segment of the bridge will be removed and rebuilt after completion of the south segment.

The overall project, which includes removing and replacing the existing bridge and approach pavement, upgrading existing lighting and installing lighting under the bridge and over the CTA station, 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](#) for 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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