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## TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT CLOSURES AT BYRNE START SATURDAY

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that overnight lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, are scheduled over four nights to place new ramp beams at the Jane Byrne Interchange starting, weather permitting, Saturday, Feb. 22.

To complete the work, the inbound lanes of the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will be reduced to one lane between Chicago Avenue and Harrison Street starting at 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The left lane of the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) also will be closed both nights, between 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Van Buren Street, starting at 10 p.m.

At 1 a.m., full closures for no longer than 15 minutes at a time will take place on the inbound Kennedy near Van Buren Street. All lanes will fully reopen by 9 a.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday.

Additionally, the inbound Dan Ryan will be reduced to one lane between 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Van Buren Street overnight on Monday and Tuesday. Lane closures will start at 10 p.m. each night, with 15-minute full inbound traffic stops beginning at 1 a.m. at Harrison Street. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Motorists should expect significant delays and 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 closures are necessary to erect steel beams for the new outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) to outbound Dan Ryan ramp, part of the ongoing Byrne reconstruction.

The Jane Byrne Interchange project will improve safety and traffic flow for the more than 400,000 motorists who use it daily, while enhancing mobility for bicycles, pedestrians and transit. The overall project is expected to conclude in 2022.

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