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Dan Ryan lane closure at Jane Byrne starts Monday

First stage of northbound 90/94 mainline improvements gets underway

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, a lane closure on the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will begin, weather permitting, Monday, July 13. The closure is necessary for the first stage of reconstruction of the Dan Ryan and Kennedy expressways (I-90/94) through the interchange.

Starting at 10 p.m. Monday, the ramp from the inbound Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55) to the inbound Ryan will be reduced from two lanes to one lane. The inbound Ryan's right lane will be closed from the Stevenson ramp to Roosevelt Road. In addition, the flyover ramp connecting the inbound Ryan to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) will be reduced to one lane from roughly Roosevelt Road to Taylor Street.

The new traffic configuration will be in effect through mid-September.

Motorists, especially traveling on the inbound Stevenson and Dan Ryan, should anticipate significant delays, especially during the initial days of the closure. The public is asked to plan ahead, buckle up, put down all devices and remain patient driving through the work zone

To prepare for this next stage of the project, the ramp from the outbound Stevenson to the inbound Ryan will be closed from between midnight and 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 14. A detour will direct traffic to continue on the outbound Stevenson to access the inbound expressway via the Pulaski Road interchange.

The closure is necessary to begin reconstructing the new pavement on Dan Ryan and Kennedy over the next three construction seasons.

Other significant impacts at the Jane Byrne this year include:

- The inbound Eisenhower to outbound Kennedy ramp closed in June, with a detour utilizing the outbound Ryan and Taylor Street interchange. A new ramp with an additional lane opens in October.

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- Outbound Ida B. Wells Drive to the outbound Kennedy closed this winter and reopens by the end of this year.
- Jackson Boulevard over the Kennedy closed this spring.
- Adams Street over the Kennedy will be closed this summer, the last of the 11 local street bridges at the interchange to be replaced. It reopens in 2022 with the new Jackson Boulevard bridge.
- Other improvements will begin later in 2020 on the mainline lanes of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan through the interchange, which include the construction of new collector-distributor ramps that will relocate the left-hand entrance ramps at Jackson and Adams. Three lanes will remain open in both directions at all times, but traffic will be shifted.

Additional details, schedules and impacts to traffic will continue to be shared in advance of individual project start dates.

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.

Recently, IDOT unveiled a new mobile-friendly website that features a detailed project timeline with an interactive map, photo galleries and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a “Contact Us” link. For more information and to view a live camera feed of the work zone, visit www.janebyrneinterchange.org.

The improved Jane Byrne Interchange will be complete in 2022.

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