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Kennedy closures continue through Wednesday

Additional time needed to remove the last section of Montrose Avenue bridge

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that two additional nights are needed to complete the removal of the last section of the Montrose Avenue bridge over the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94). Lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, will continue through 5 a.m. Wednesday June 17.

The closures are necessary to safely remove the existing Montrose Avenue bridge over the expressway. This section crosses over the express lanes and the Chicago Transit Authority’s Blue Line station at Montrose Avenue.

To complete the work, the outbound Kennedy approaching Addison Street will be reduced to three lanes starting at 8 p.m. tonight (Sunday), Monday and Tuesday. At the same time, the inbound Kennedy approaching Montrose Avenue will be reduced to one lane and all traffic directed into the express lanes. Inbound traffic will continue in the express lanes and will not be able to exit until Armitage Avenue.

Starting at 12 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, full traffic stops for no longer than 15-minutes at a time will take place on the inbound Kennedy near Montrose Avenue. Lanes will open, with the express lanes resuming their normal operations by 5 a.m. each day.

While the work is ongoing, the left lane on the inbound and outbound Kennedy approaching Montrose Avenue will remain closed. All lanes and ramps will open, with the express lanes resuming their normal operations by 5 a.m. Wednesday.

Pedestrians accessing the Blue Line station at Montrose Avenue can also expect intermittent 15-minute sidewalk closures Monday through Wednesday between 12 a.m. and 3 a.m.

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](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT’s District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com).

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