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Weekend lane and ramp closures on Kennedy

Last section of Montrose Avenue bridge removed over three 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), lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, are scheduled over three nights starting, weather permitting, Friday, June 5. 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 is being removed over three weekends. The first two sections have been removed. This last 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. Friday and at 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 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 1 a.m. each night, full traffic stops for no longer than 15-minutes at a time will take place on the inbound Kennedy near Montrose Avenue. Lanes will reopen by 11 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday and by 5 a.m. Monday.

While the work is ongoing, the left lane on the inbound and outbound Kennedy approaching Montrose Avenue will be closed from 7 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday. The outbound exit ramp to Montrose Avenue will also be closed during that time. All lanes and ramps will reopen, with the express lanes resuming their normal operations, by 5 a.m. Monday.

Pedestrians accessing the Blue Line station at Montrose Avenue can also expect intermittent 15-minute sidewalk closures between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. Saturday, and between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday and Monday.

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.

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