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## Multiple Ramps Reopen at Jane Byrne Interchange

*Major milestone as ramp construction nears completion, focus turns to I-90/94*

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that four ramps will open at the Jane Byrne Interchange on, weather permitting, Tuesday, Dec. 15. The completion of the ramps marks a major milestone as all 10 interchange ramps will have been completely reconstructed.

“These ramps opening represent yet another significant step forward for this extensive project, one of the most complex in the country,” said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “As progress continues and the finish line for this project gets closer, we ask for the public’s continued patience. Please, stay alert, slow down and give your undivided attention going through this and all other work zones.”

By 5 a.m. Tuesday the following ramps will reopen:

- **Inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) ramp to Taylor Street**  
The exit ramp was relocated to just north of Adams Street and reconfigured to reduce conflict from inbound lanes.
- **Inbound Kennedy ramp to inbound Ida B. Wells**  
The exit ramp was reconfigured to reduce conflict from inbound lanes.
- **Outbound Ida B. Wells ramp to outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94)**  
The entrance ramp was reconfigured and access moved to the right lane.

Ramp construction has been completed. However, to accommodate ongoing outbound Ryan work, a temporary detour will be in place. A signed detour will direct Wells-to-Ryan traffic to Union Street, through two traffic signals at Taylor Street and Roosevelt Road, to connect to the outbound Ryan via the Roosevelt Road ramp.

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- **Canal Street entrance ramp to outbound Ida B. Wells Drive**

To prepare for this next stage of the project, lane closures on the inbound Kennedy between Ohio and Van Buren streets are scheduled, weather permitting, from 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, to install overhead signage and pavement markings. In addition, the inbound Kennedy ramp to the outbound Eisenhower also will be closed from 11:59 p.m. Monday to 5 a.m. Tuesday.

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 limit and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

With the ramp portion of the project wrapping up, the focus for the next two years will continue on the reconstruction of the mainline Kennedy and Dan Ryan through the interchange, which includes the construction of new collector-distributor ramps that will relocate the left-hand entrance ramps at Jackson and Adams.

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.

For more information, visit [www.janebyrneinterchange.org](http://www.janebyrneinterchange.org). The mobile-friendly website features a detailed project timeline with an interactive map, photo galleries, a live camera feed of the work zone, and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a “Contact Us” link.

The improved Jane Byrne Interchange will be complete in 2022.

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