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Weekend lane, ramp closures on Dan Ryan at Byrne

New lane configuration, Roosevelt Road ramp reopens

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, overnight lane and ramp closures with lane shifts, are scheduled over two nights on the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) starting, weather permitting, tonight, Friday, Dec. 18.

The closures are necessary to safely remove and apply new pavement markings, to install signage and to shift inbound Dan Ryan traffic approaching Roosevelt Road to the right as part of upcoming construction on the mainline lanes of the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) and Dan Ryan.

Work will occur over the following two nights:

Tonight, Dec. 18

- To prepare for the work zone change, starting at 9 p.m. tonight, lane closures begin on the inbound Ryan starting at 31st Street. By 11:59 p.m., the inbound Ryan will be reduced to a single lane between Cermak Road (22nd Street) and Roosevelt Road. At the same time, the ramps from the inbound and outbound Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55) to the inbound Ryan will be closed. A detour will direct traffic south on the Ryan, exiting 39th Street, then back onto the expressway to connect to the inbound Ryan via the 39th Street ramp. All lanes and ramps will reopen by 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Saturday, Dec. 19

- Weather permitting, starting at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, lane closures will take place on the inbound Dan Ryan starting at 31st Street. By 11:59 p.m., the inbound Ryan will be reduced to a single lane of traffic between Cermak and Roosevelt roads and traffic will begin shifting right. At the same time, the ramp connecting the inbound Ryan to inbound Ida B. Wells Drive and to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) will be closed. A detour will direct traffic north on outbound Kennedy, exiting at Augusta Boulevard, to the inbound Kennedy and back to connect to the outbound Eisenhower or to the inbound Ida B. Wells. All lanes and ramps will reopen, with the new configuration

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in place by 8 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The entrance ramp from Roosevelt Road to the outbound Eisenhower and to inbound Ida B. Wells Drive also will reopen at that time, along with a second lane on the flyover ramp connecting the inbound Ryan to the outbound Eisenhower. However, the ramp from inbound and outbound Stevenson Expressway to the inbound Ryan will remain reduced to one lane until late summer 2021.

The stage change work is highly weather dependent. If the work on Saturday is canceled due to weather, the stage change will be attempted Sunday night into Monday morning, or the first available night that conditions allow. In that event, every attempt will be made to complete the work and reopen the lanes by 5 a.m., but it's possible that lanes may remain closed later into Monday morning.

The new configuration will allow overhead sign structure foundations and mainline pavement to be built and will remain in place through summer 2021.

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, watch for changing traffic patterns, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

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. 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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