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Temporary, daytime lane, ramp closures on outbound Eisenhower

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, temporary, daytime lane closures will take place on the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290), weather permitting, tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Starting at 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, the outbound Eisenhower will be reduced to one lane between Wells Street and Halsted Street. In addition, the outbound Ida B. Wells Drive ramp to the outbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will be closed from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. The entrance ramp from Wacker Drive to the outbound Eisenhower will also be closed from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. A detour will direct traffic west on Harrison Avenue, south on Des Plaines, west on Roosevelt Road, north on Ashland Avenue to connect to the outbound Eisenhower via the Ashland Avenue ramp.

The closures are necessary to install pavement marking on the outbound Eisenhower between Wells Street and Halsted Street to add an additional lane of travel. Once completed, the outbound Eisenhower will have four lanes of travel from Wells Street to just west of the former post office.

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.

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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