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Overnight lane, ramp closures on Kennedy, Edens

Steel girders to be installed at Montrose Avenue over five 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), ramp and lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway stops, are scheduled over five nights starting, weather permitting, Saturday, May 1.

The closures are necessary to install steel girders for a new Montrose Avenue bridge over the expressway. To avoid closing the expressway entirely and to minimize the impact to traffic, the work will be broken down into three segments. The schedule is as follows:

May 1

Starting at 9 p.m. Saturday, to 8 a.m. Sunday, the express lanes will be closed and the outbound Kennedy approaching Addison Street will be reduced to three lanes. At the same time, the inbound Kennedy approaching Montrose Avenue will be gradually reduced to one lane and the inbound Edens gradually reduced to two lanes. Additionally, pedestrians accessing the Chicago Transit Authority's Blue Line station at Montrose Avenue can expect intermittent 5-minute platform closures between 1 and 8 a.m. Sunday.

May 3, 4

Starting at 9 p.m. both nights, the inbound Kennedy and Edens expressways approaching Montrose Avenue gradually will be reduced to a single lane and all traffic directed into the inbound express lanes by 1 a.m. Inbound traffic will continue in the express lanes and will not be able to exit until Armitage Avenue.

The ramp from Lawrence Avenue to the inbound Kennedy and the ramps from Elston and Wilson avenues to the inbound Edens will also be closed during that time. All lanes and ramps reopen, with the express lanes resuming their normal operations, by 5 a.m. each morning.

May 5, 6

Starting at 9 p.m. both nights, the outbound Kennedy will be gradually reduced to a single lane between Addison Street and Montrose Avenue. At 1 a.m. both nights, full traffic stops for no

longer than 15 minutes at a time will take place on the outbound Kennedy, near Montrose Avenue. The express lanes will also be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night. In addition, the outbound Kennedy exit ramp to Montrose Avenue and the entrance ramp from Keeler Avenue to the outbound Kennedy will be closed. All lanes and ramps reopen by 5 a.m. each morning, with the express lanes resuming normal operations.

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 later this summer.

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](#) for 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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