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## Temporary closure of 18<sup>th</sup> Street ramp at Byrne

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, the ramp from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will close for approximately six weeks starting, weather permitting, at 5 a.m. Monday, April 12.

The closure is needed to construct an overhead sign structure foundation and is expected to be completed by 5 a.m. Monday, May 24.

A detour will direct traffic west on 18<sup>th</sup> Street, south on Union Avenue, west on Cermak Road, north on Halsted Street, east on Roosevelt Road, to connect to the outbound Eisenhower (Interstate 290) via the Ruble Street ramp. Motorists will continue north on Ruble Street to connect to the inbound Ryan via the Taylor Street ramp.

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](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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