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New configuration on outbound Kennedy at Canfield

Motorists must merge over sooner to access ramps to I-294 south, I-190 west to O'Hare

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90) improvements, between Harlem Avenue (Illinois 43) and Interstate 190, a new collector-distributor road will open, weather permitting, the week of April 12. The stage change, originally scheduled for the week of Feb. 1, was postponed due to inclement weather.

The new design will improve safety, efficiency and reduce conflict points by separating the ramps to Cumberland Avenue (Illinois 171), Interstate 294 south and Interstate 190 west to O'Hare International Airport from mainline traffic.

In the new configuration, **outbound Kennedy motorists must merge over sooner to access the ramps**, as the new collector-distributor road, **located just after Canfield Avenue**, is approximately one-mile before the current ramp access.

The overall Kennedy improvements, between Harlem Avenue and Interstate 190, include widening and resurfacing, new noise and retaining walls, drainage improvements and a new collector-distributor road at the Cumberland Avenue interchange along the outbound expressway. The project is expected to be completed later this fall.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Alternative routes are strongly encouraged. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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