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Inbound Dan Ryan to Ida B. Wells closure

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, the ramp from the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) to inbound Ida B. Wells Drive will close for approximately one week starting, weather permitting, at 1 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14.

The closure is necessary to remove a temporary pier column to accommodate construction of a new inbound collector-distributor road. The new design will improve safety, efficiency and reduce conflict points by relocating the left-hand entrance ramps at Jackson and Adams streets, along with separating the exit ramps to Washington Boulevard, Lake, Madison and Randolph streets from mainline traffic.

A detour will direct inbound Ryan motorists to use the Roosevelt Road exit ramp to access Ida B. Wells via Roosevelt Road and State Street.

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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