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Inbound Kennedy lane changes at Jane Byrne

Part of several lane shifts and splits to occur on mainline 90/94 through 2022

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, a stage change on the inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will begin, weather permitting, Tuesday, July 27.

To prepare for the next stage of the project, starting at 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, lane closures will begin on the inbound Kennedy to remove the current split-lane configuration, just before Jackson Boulevard. At 1 a.m., full closures for no longer 15 minutes at a time will take place on the inbound Kennedy. By 5 a.m. Wednesday, the new lane pattern will be in place. In the new configuration, the right lane stays as an exit lane to Monroe Street. The exit to Ida B. Wells Drive/outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) and Taylor Street remains the same. The three inbound through lanes will shift slightly to the right near Jackson Boulevard, with the exits remaining the same.

The new configuration will remain in place through early October.

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 limits 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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