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Randolph Street ramp closure, inbound Ryan lane changes at Jane Byrne

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, a stage change on the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will begin, weather permitting, Monday, Aug. 2.

To prepare for the next stage of the project, starting at 11 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, lanes closures will begin on the inbound Dan Ryan, just north of 31st Street, to facilitate a new lane split. At 1 a.m., full closures for no longer than 15 minutes at a time will take place on the inbound Ryan. By 5 a.m. Tuesday, the new lane pattern will be in place.

In the new configuration:

- The four **inbound Ryan lanes** will **split near 14th Street**, just before Roosevelt Road.
- Drivers will be directed by signs and message boards to **stay to the right two lanes** at the split **to access the outbound Eisenhower Expressway** (Interstate 290), **inbound Ida B. Wells Drive** and **exit ramps to Madison and Lake streets**.
- The **left two lanes** will **continue as through lanes** and motorists **will not** be able to **exit until Ohio Street**.
- All lanes merge back at **Van Buren Street**.

The new configuration will allow the northbound center lanes to be built from just south of Roosevelt Road to Ida B. Wells as part of construction on the mainline lanes of the expressway and will remain in place through September.

Additionally, **the ramp** from the **outbound Kennedy Expressway** (Interstate 90/94) **to Randolph Street will close** starting, weather permitting, at 11 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3. A detour will direct traffic to the Lake Street exit ramp, east on Des Plaines Street and south to Randolph Street. The closure is necessary to accommodate ramp and retaining wall reconstruction and is anticipated to reopen in late December.

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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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