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Inbound Kennedy lane changes at Jane Byrne

Lanes split just before Jackson Boulevard, exits remain the same

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, lane changes and shifts on the inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94), just before Jackson Boulevard, will begin, weather permitting, Friday, May 28.

Overnight lane closures will be required to facilitate the stage change. On both Wednesday, May 26 and Thursday, May 27, inbound Kennedy closures will start at 10 p.m., with occasional full stops for no longer than 15 minutes at a time beginning at 1 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning.

By 5 a.m. Friday, the stage change will be in place. In the new configuration, there will continue to be five inbound lanes and exits remain the same. 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 approaching Jackson Boulevard will split**. The left two inbound lanes will continue in their current configuration, while **the third inbound lane will shift over to new pavement and will merge back into traffic near Polk Street, just south of Harrison Street**.

The new configuration will allow southbound center lanes to be built between Jackson Boulevard and Polk Street as part of construction on the mainline lanes of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan and will remain in place through mid-August.

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.

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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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