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Multiple projects scheduled in Chicago

Investments made possible by Gov. Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital plan

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that multiple improvement projects in Chicago are underway or starting soon and extending into 2022. The seven projects represent a total investment of more than \$849 million for the region, made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program.

"With the Rebuild Illinois capital plan, we are restoring and transforming Illinois's aging infrastructure," said Gov. Pritzker. "Rebuild Illinois is not only about investing in infrastructure but about investing in people and communities as well. In the coming months, IDOT will undertake projects that will ultimately create safer roads and bridges and provide jobs in Chicago and across the entire state."

Projects include:

• Jane Byrne Interchange Reconstruction

The ongoing project will completely reconstruct the Jane Byrne Interchange, improve safety and traffic mobility. Jackson Street and Adams Street bridges are currently closed. Work is underway to reconstruct both sides of the mainline Kennedy and Dan Ryan expressways (Interstate 90/94), along with construction of a new inbound collector-distributor road. At least three lanes in each direction will be maintained throughout the project. Motorists should expect lane shifts, nightly closures and various lane and ramp closures. The overall project will be substantially completed by the end of 2022. For more information visit: www.janebyrneinterchange.org.

• Montrose Avenue bridge over I-90/94

Ongoing project to replace the bridge that carries Montrose Avenue over the expressway. Work is currently focused on rebuilding the north bridge. The south structure was removed and rebuilt last year. Montrose Avenue traffic is detoured via Cicero Avenue (Illinois 50), Irving Park Road (Illinois 19) and Pulaski Road. The project started last spring and is anticipated to be completed this summer.

- Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90) from the Edens Expressway (Interstate 94) junction to Harlem Avenue (Illinois 43)
 - Ongoing resurfacing project. Overnight lanes closures are needed to complete the project, which started last summer and is anticipated to be completed this fall.
- Harlem Avenue from Irving Park Road (Illinois 19) to North Avenue (Illinois 64) Resurfacing project. Daily closures will be needed to complete the project, which is scheduled to begin this spring and completed this fall.
- Harlem Avenue from south of 62nd Street to 111th Street
 Resurfacing project with new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. Daily lane closures will be needed to complete the project, which is scheduled to begin this summer and completed next summer.
- North Avenue from Harlem Avenue to Cicero Avenue (Illinois 50)
 Resurfacing project with new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. Daily lane closures will be needed to complete the project, which is scheduled to begin this spring and completed this fall.
- Kedzie Avenue from 87th Street to 103rd Street and from 115th Street to 131st Street Resurfacing project with new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. Daily lane closures will be needed to complete the project, which is scheduled to begin this spring and completed this fall.

"These projects represent a significant investment in Chicago and are a big step forward in our work to improve safety, mobility and create economic opportunity for years to come," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "We're asking drivers to be patient, slow down and pay extra attention driving in and around any work zone."

In addition to improving roads and bridges, Rebuild Illinois identifies in the Chicago area \$400 million for the CREATE program, \$500 million to establish passenger rail to the Quad Cities and Rockford, and \$4 billion for the Regional Transportation Authority, which oversees the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace.

Passed in 2019, Rebuild Illinois is investing \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history but also the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

For more information on IDOT projects, click here. Find traffic and road conditions at www.gettingaroundillinois.com. You also can follow IDOT on Facebook and Twitter.