



## **February 2018 Update.....**

The Jane Byrne (Circle) Interchange reconstruction continues at a steady pace with several major projects starting construction and others fully in the midst of active work. The following contracts are well under construction:

- **Westbound I-290 (Peoria Street to Racine Avenue)**  
Construction work is complete on the Auxiliary Lanes contract which builds an additional two lanes along the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) outbound between Peoria Street and Racine Avenue to complete the necessary lanes for the Northwest Flyover Ramp connection into the mainline expressway lanes. Only miscellaneous punch list items and transfers of maintenance responsibilities remain.
  
- **Northeast Ramp from Dan Ryan to inbound Congress Parkway**  
The Northeast Ramp between the Dan Ryan northbound to the inbound Congress Parkway continues at a good pace. Construction is progressing according to the anticipated schedule with an anticipated completion in late fall 2018. Structural steel has been installed with concrete deck work to be completed. Due to adjacent work on the Eastbound (Inbound) Congress Parkway bridge, the Northeast ramp will not open until the additional work is mostly complete.
  
- **Westbound (Outbound) Congress Parkway**  
Congress Parkway rehabilitation and construction is progressing. Traffic was switched from the outside lanes onto the newly rebuilt inside lanes in early December. Two outbound lanes and the connections to the Dan Ryan and Kennedy are open to traffic always except for limited nighttime lane closures as needed for bridge deck work. Proposed foundations for the outside portion of the bridges are ongoing. The project is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2018.
  
- **Westbound (Outbound) I-290 Mainline**  
The reconstruction of the westbound (outbound) lanes of the mainline Eisenhower from I-90/94 to Racine Avenue is progressing as other contract work is completed. Electrical improvements and various pavements and barrier walls have been completed to date and traffic shifts have been made due to the Congress Parkway staging modifications. Main drain sewer construction will begin shortly in the area between the westbound lanes and traffic from the Northwest Ramp between the Dan Ryan northbound to the outbound Eisenhower. The project is anticipated to be completed in the spring 2019.
  
- **Van Buren Street Bridge over I-90/94**  
The bridge was closed to traffic on 10/9/2017. To construct the proposed bridge structure, the existing ramp from the Southbound Kennedy (I-90/94) to eastbound (inbound) Congress Parkway was closed in mid-January. The existing bridge crossing has been removed and the contractor is currently installing proposed foundations along with removal of the existing bridge support piers. The project includes the full reconstruction of the bridge, a new retaining wall between Van Buren Street and Halsted Street, reconstruction of Van Buren Street pavement and drainage and major improvements to an existing City of Chicago combined sewer siphon beneath the expressway. In coordination with Greektown, major improvements will also be made within

Elysian Field on the southeast corner of Van Buren and Halsted Streets. The project is anticipated to be completed in the late spring of 2019.

- **Water Main Improvements at Jackson Boulevard**

The project will install a brand new 16" water main for the City of Chicago beneath I-90/94. This project is an advance utility relocation contract of an existing 16" water main that would otherwise be impacted by future projects. The contractor has begun the excavations for water main installation under I-90/94 and preparing the site for the major work. Traffic on Jackson Boulevard has been shifted to the north to provide access and storage for the contractor. Completion of the project is anticipated in the fall of 2018.

- **Eastbound (Inbound) I-290 Mainline**

The reconstruction of the inbound mainline lanes of the Eisenhower from west of Racine Avenue to I-90/94 began in the fall of 2017. The contractor has staged traffic to begin construction of the improvements. Construction of drilled shafts for the proposed retaining walls along the south side of I-290 has started. The overall project is anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2019.

- **Eastbound (Inbound) Congress Parkway**

The construction of the inbound portion of Congress Parkway rehabilitation and mainline bridge reconstruction began in the fall of 2017. The existing bridge demolition is ongoing. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times except for limited nighttime lane closures as needed for bridge deck work. The exit ramp to Canal Street will be closed during the later portions of the construction project. The overall project is anticipated to be complete in the summer of 2019.

- **Retaining Wall and Water Main/Sewer Improvements Near University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC)**

The project includes the relocation and rehabilitation of one 48" water main from the City of Chicago Cermak Pumping Station, additional water main and drainage improvements and the construction of a retaining wall extending south of Harrison along the west side of I-90/94. The wall will be built along the University of Illinois – Chicago Student Recreation Facility and will create more space for the future construction/relocation of exit ramps from I-90/94 and I-290 to Taylor Street and the West-South Ramp connecting the outbound Congress Parkway to the southbound Dan Ryan. The contractor has performed exploratory excavations along the existing water main and will begin the proposed water main relocation work soon. The contractor is also preparing to start foundation construction for the retaining wall. The project completion is anticipated near the end of 2018.

- **WB I-290 78" Storm Sewer**

A portion of 78" storm sewer will be constructed within westbound I-290 between Peoria Street and Morgan Street. At the completion of the project, anticipated in the spring of 2018, all work along WB I-290 can proceed, and the Morgan Street exit ramp will most likely reopen to traffic. The contractor will be starting trench excavation for the sewer construction. Existing traffic has already been staged around the work zone.

- **Monroe Street Bridge over I-90/94**

The project includes the full reconstruction of the bridge, a new retaining wall south along the east side of I-90/94 reconstruction of Monroe Street pavement and drainage and miscellaneous ramp improvements. The project is anticipated to be completed in the late spring of 2019. The contractor is currently securing various permits and is procuring materials. Utility relocation is also ongoing.

The Illinois Department of Transportation continues to be fully committed to complete the reconstruction of the Jane Byrne (Circle) interchange in an expeditious manner while enhancing the safety of motorists in the work zones and maintaining traffic flow within the City of Chicago Central Business District.

The project website is updated periodically so please visit us again.