



June 2018 Update.....

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

- **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. Two outbound lanes and the connections to the Dan Ryan and Kennedy are open to traffic at all times except for limited nighttime lane closures as needed for bridge deck work. The proposed bridge deck for the outside portion of the bridge over I-90/94 is complete with parapet walls and other finish work remaining to be completed. Work on the viaduct structure east of Des Plaines Street is being completed on the east portion and the west portion. Traffic will switch in late June to maintain access to I-90/94 and allow proposed work within the middle of the viaduct. 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. Major work will begin with the main drain sewer construction reaching completion 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. In order 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. Two of the three bridge support piers have been completed and the third will be finished in early July. The bridge abutment on the west side of the expressway is under construction. The contractor is completing the extension and relocation of the large City of Chicago combined sewer

siphon required for the construction of the proposed bridge. After the sewer work is complete, the bridge abutment on the east side of the expressway can be started. The project includes the full reconstruction of the bridge, a new retaining wall between Van Buren Street and Halsted Street and 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 completed the excavations for water main installation and has installed a 30" steel casing pipe under I-90/94. Water main installation within the casing pipe has started and will be followed by the installation of the riser shaft structures on both sides of the expressway. 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. Traffic is staged in order to allow construction progress. Construction of drilled shafts for the proposed retaining walls along the south side of I-290 continues. Major storm sewer work is underway with the closure of the ramp from Westbound I-290 to Southbound I-90/94 and the Southbound exit from I-90/94 to Taylor Street in mid-May 2018. The closures are needed to build large pits required to install storm sewers between 42" and 60" in diameter. The closures will last three months. Retaining wall work along the south side of I-290, including parapet improvements, drilled shaft construction and pile installation, is in progress. Congress Parkway between Racine Avenue and Morgan Street will be closed to facilitate the wall improvements and reopen prior to the fall semester at UIC. Pavement removal and storm sewer installation is also taking place west of Halsted Street. 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 was completed and drilling for the new bridge foundations is being performed on the inside of the bridge. The north portion of the bridge support pier between northbound and southbound lanes has been completed. Improvements to the foundations of the viaduct structure east of Des Plaines Street are also ongoing and portions of the proposed bridge deck will be completed soon. The existing bridge carrying inbound Kennedy traffic to the inbound Congress Parkway continues to be demolished as part of this work. 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 proposed water main relocation work is ongoing with traffic shifted in order to coordinate traffic along the eastbound to southbound ramp between multiple projects. Portions of the existing water main have been removed with water main pipe installation ongoing, including the rehabilitation of the existing water main below the highway pavement using carbon fiber wrap. Relocation of an existing 60" City of Chicago combined sewer. Foundation construction for the retaining wall will continue through most of the summer of 2018. The project completion is anticipated near the end of 2018.

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

A portion of 78" storm sewer has been constructed within westbound I-290 between Peoria Street and Morgan Street. Work is now substantially complete to allow all work along WB I-290 to proceed.

- **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 summer of 2019. The bridge was closed to vehicle traffic on February 26th in preparation for bridge removal, over half of which has been completed. Foundation drilling between northbound and southbound lanes has begun, Numerous entrance and exit ramp closures will be staged to allow foundation construction. The project also includes the structural lining of a City of Chicago combined sewer siphon beneath WB I-290.

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.