



October 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**
Construction of the Northeast Ramp between the Dan Ryan northbound to the inbound Congress Parkway is effectively complete. Various electrical work continues and the Contractor is completing finish work and punch list tasks. 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 effectively complete. Traffic continues to be staged to support the westbound mainline pavement work and other projects. The Contractor is completing miscellaneous punch list task, electrical work and minor structural improvements below the traffic lanes.
- **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 now that other contract work has been completed. A major traffic switch was made in October to complete proposed pavement in the middle of the traffic lanes. In November, another traffic switch will shift all traffic to the north to allow work along the median. Electrical improvements and various pavements and barrier walls have been completed. 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. All of the three bridge support piers and bridge abutments have been completed and beams were completed in October. The contractor continues to install steel components and is actively building the wingwall abutment extensions on the east side. 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 has installed a brand new 16” water main for the City of Chicago beneath I-90/94. The water main utilizes a 30” steel casing pipe under I-90/94 with riser shaft structures on both sides of the expressway. Landscaping, fence installation, electrical work and clean-up are progressing. Traffic on Jackson Boulevard is expected to shift to the normal configuration in early November.

- **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 retaining walls along the south side of I-290 continues. Major storm sewer work continues 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. Pavement removal and storm sewer installation continues 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. Traffic will be placed onto the newly reconstructed and improved inner lanes in late October. At that point, the contractor will begin demolition of the outer lanes of the existing bridges. The exit ramp to Canal Street will be closed as the improvements further east are started. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times except for limited nighttime lane closures as needed for bridge deck work. 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 has continued with final connections and coordination with the City of Chicago ongoing. The rehabilitation of the existing water main below the highway pavement using carbon fiber wrap has been completed. Relocation of an existing 60” City of Chicago combined sewer is almost complete. Foundation construction for the retaining wall will continue through most of the fall of 2018. The project completion is anticipated in early 2019.

- **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. Foundation construction between northbound and southbound lanes was completed with the Monroe Street entrance reopened to traffic. The west abutment and east pier have been completed



along with foundation drilling for the west pier and east abutment that are being framed for concrete now. All removals of the existing piers are complete Work for the retaining wall along the Madison Street exit ramp has been started. The contractor plans on installing steel beams in late November. Numerous entrance and exit ramp closures will be staged to allow bridge 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.