

2018 Bridge Lift Begins April 14th / Potential Traffic Impact

The City of Chicago will begin the springtime bridge lifts Saturday, April 14, granting recreational boat traffic to move from boat storage yards to harbors across Lake Michigan.

The bridges are raised one after another, twice weekly on Saturdays and Wednesdays, and usually take an average of 8-12 minutes. While the bridge is in the upright position, traffic is halted. Drivers may use an alternate route or wait until the bridge is lowered.

During these “boat runs”, traffic may be impacted in the Circle Interchange area. Eastbound traffic from I-290 could become congested when Congress bridge is lifted, as well as traffic surrounding Jackson and Harrison Street bridges.

The following streets that will be affected by the bridge lifts are: Lake Shore Drive, Columbus Dr., Michigan Ave., Wabash Ave., State St., Dearborn St., Clark St., La Salle St., Wells St., Franklin St., Lake St., Randolph St., Washington St., Madison St., Monroe St., Adams St., Jackson Blvd., Van Buren St., Congress Pkwy., Harrison St., Roosevelt Rd., 18th St., Canal St., Cermak Ave., Halsted St., Loomis Ave., and Ashland Ave.

Please visit the [City of Chicago](http://www.cityofchicago.org) website for official information and updates.

The Spring 2018 bridge lift schedule is as follows:

- * Saturday, April 14 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, April 21 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, April 28 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, May 2 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, May 5 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, May 12 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, May 19 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, May 26 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, May 30 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, June 2 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, June 9 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, June 16 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, June 23 at 8 a.m.
- * Wednesday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Saturday, June 30 at 8 a.m.