



State of Illinois
Bruce Rauner, Governor

Illinois Department of Transportation
Randall S. Blankenhorn, Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
October 3, 2016

CONTACT:
Gianna Urgo 312.814.4693
Guy Tridgell 312.793.4199

Eisenhower, Congress Parkway Lane Closures for Next Step in Jane Byrne Interchange Project

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that closures will take place on the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) and Congress Parkway, in Chicago, for the next step in the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction project, beginning, weather permitting, Sunday, October 9.

The closures are necessary for work on the westbound Eisenhower Expressway, including the rehabilitation of a portion of the Congress Viaduct, as well as the reconstruction of the westbound Eisenhower over Interstate 90/94 and the Canal Street entrance ramp to the Eisenhower.

Starting Sunday, October 9, the following closures will take place:

- The westbound Eisenhower Expressway/Congress Parkway will be reduced to two lanes from west of Wells Street to Halsted Street. Lane widths also will be reduced.
- The left lane on the eastbound Eisenhower Expressway will be closed from Halsted Street to the Post Office. Lane widths also will be reduced.
- The Canal Street entrance ramp to the westbound Eisenhower will be closed for the duration of the project. A posted detour will direct westbound Van Buren Street traffic to enter the Eisenhower at Racine Avenue

The ramps from the westbound Eisenhower Expressway to the Dan Ryan and Kennedy expressways (northbound and southbound Interstate 90/94) will remain open during construction.

This part of the Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction project will focus on bridge work and pavement reconstruction on the westbound Eisenhower Expressway from the Post Office to Racine Avenue. The project improves traffic flow and safety, as well as connects the new flyover bridge from the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90.94) to the westbound Eisenhower. These improvements are expected to be completed in Summer 2018.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Please visit www.circleinterchange.org for complete project details and closure information, including a streaming high-resolution view of the work zone.

#