

## Final Beam Installation

CHICAGO - The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that closures on the ramps from the inbound Dan Ryan and Kennedy expressways (Interstate 90/94) to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) will take place for one day on Sunday, August 7, weather permitting. The closures are necessary to install the final beams that will support the bridge deck of the new flyover ramp linking the inbound Dan Ryan to the outbound Eisenhower, part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction project.

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 7, the following closures will take place:

- The ramp from the inbound Kennedy Expressway (southbound Interstate 90/94) to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (westbound Interstate 290) will be closed from Jackson Street to Halsted Street until 10 a.m. Sunday. A posted detour will direct traffic to continue on the outbound Dan Ryan (southbound Interstate 90/94) and take the Taylor Street exit to Roosevelt Road. Motorists should travel west on Roosevelt Road, north on Ashland Avenue and west on Van Buren Street to use the Van Buren entrance ramp to the westbound Eisenhower.
- The ramp from the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway (northbound Interstate 90/94) to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (westbound Interstate 290) will be closed until 8 a.m. Sunday. A posted detour will direct traffic to exit at Roosevelt Road, travel west on Roosevelt Road, north on Ashland and west on Van Buren Street to use the Van Buren entrance ramp to the westbound Eisenhower.

The new flyover bridge will replace the existing single-lane, winding ramp with a new two-lane ramp and bridge that begins just south of Roosevelt Road and arches over Harrison Street, the rest of the Jane Byrne Interchange and Halsted Street before connecting to the outbound Eisenhower near Morgan Street. From ramp to ramp, the entire structure will be about one mile in length.

When it is complete in Winter 2016/2017, the flyover will improve efficiency, traffic flow and safety for the approximately 400,000 motorists that drive through the Jane Byrne Interchange each day.