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## Ramp closures begin Wednesday on the Kennedy Expressway, part of Jane Byrne Interchange project

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that ramp closures will begin on the outbound Kennedy Expressway (northbound Interstate 90/94), in Chicago, weather permitting, Wednesday, Aug. 1. The ramp closures are necessary for the construction of the Monroe Street bridge over the Kennedy Expressway, part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange project.

Starting Wednesday, the entrance ramp from Adams Street to the outbound Kennedy Expressway will reopen to traffic. Upon the reopening of the Adams Street entrance ramp, the following ramp closures will take place:

- The exit ramp from the northbound Kennedy to Madison Street will be closed until Summer 2019.
  - A posted detour for eastbound Madison Street traffic will direct traffic to exit the northbound Kennedy Expressway at Washington Street, go east on Washington Street and south on Des Plaines Avenue to eastbound Madison Street.
  - A posted detour for westbound Madison Street traffic will direct traffic to exit the Kennedy at Randolph Street, go west on Randolph Street and south on Halsted Street to westbound Madison Street.
- The entrance ramp from Jackson Street to the northbound Kennedy Expressway will be closed until Fall 2018.
  - A posted detour will direct traffic to enter the northbound Kennedy Expressway via Adams Street.

The Monroe Street bridge is one of several expressway bridge improvement projects included in the overall Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction. Of those bridges, the following are completed and open to traffic: Halsted Street, Taylor Street, Morgan Street, Harrison Street and Peoria Street.

The overall reconstruction project at the Jane Byrne Interchange will improve safety and traffic flow for the more than 400,000 motorists who use it each day, while also enhancing mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users in the surrounding neighborhoods. For more information and to view a live camera feed of the work zone, visit [www.circleinterchange.org](http://www.circleinterchange.org).

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