

Ramp Closures for Jane Byrne Interchange Project in June 2016

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that closures of the ramps from the inbound Dan Ryan and Kennedy expressways (Interstate 90/94) to the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) will be taking place later this month. The closures are part of the ongoing construction of the new flyover ramp linking the inbound Dan Ryan to the outbound Eisenhower, one of the major components of the Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction project.

The closures are necessary for the installation of the beams that will support the bridge deck of the new flyover structure. Weather permitting, the work will take place:

Starting at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 15

The ramp from the inbound Kennedy (southbound I-90/94) to the inbound Eisenhower (eastbound I-290) will be closed between Jackson and Halsted streets until 5 a.m. Thursday, June 23. A posted detour will direct traffic to continue on the outbound Dan Ryan (southbound I-90/94) to reenter the inbound expressway via the 18th Street interchange. After exiting at Roosevelt Road, motorists will turn left at Jefferson Street, right on Harrison Street and left on Wells Street to connect with Congress Parkway.

Starting at 10 p.m. Saturday, June 18

The ramp from the outbound Eisenhower to the outbound Dan Ryan will be closed until 10 a.m. Sunday, June 19. A posted detour will direct traffic to the outbound Kennedy to reconnect with the outbound Dan Ryan via the Augusta Boulevard interchange.

The bridge beams for the fifth of the six sections that make up the new flyover structure will be installed while the closures are in place. Some additional closures will be required later this summer to install the last of the beams.

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.