



September 2018 Update.....

The Jane Byrne (Circle) Interchange reconstruction continues at a steady pace with a number of major projects starting construction and others fully in the midst of active work. The following contracts are well under construction:

- **Northeast Ramp from Dan Ryan to inbound Congress Parkway**
Construction of the Northeast Ramp between the Dan Ryan northbound to the inbound Congress Parkway continues at a good pace. Construction is progressing according to the anticipated schedule with an anticipated completion in late fall 2018. The majority of the concrete deck has been poured and work will progress to the north. Due to adjacent work on the Eastbound (Inbound) Congress Parkway bridge, the Northeast ramp will not open until the additional work is mostly complete.
- **Westbound (Outbound) Congress Parkway**
Congress Parkway rehabilitation and construction is progressing. Two outbound lanes and the connections to the Dan Ryan and Kennedy are open to traffic at all times except for limited nighttime lane closures as needed for bridge deck work and as required within other projects. The proposed bridge for the outside portion of the bridge over I-90/94 has been completed with underpass lighting installation nearly finished. Work on the viaduct structure east of Des Plaines Street continues with the last section of deck near Des Plaines being completed. Work has been completed below the entrance ramp from Canal Street. The project is anticipated to be completed in October 2018.
- **Westbound (Outbound) I-290 Mainline**
The reconstruction of the westbound (outbound) lanes of the mainline Eisenhower from I-90/94 to Racine Avenue is progressing now that other contract work has been completed. Electrical improvements and various pavements and barrier walls have been completed to date and traffic shifts have been made due to the Congress Parkway staging modifications. Pavement and drainage construction continues to progress with a staging change planned in October. The project is anticipated to be completed in the spring 2019.
- **Van Buren Street Bridge over I-90/94**
The bridge was closed to traffic on 10/9/2017. In order to construct the proposed bridge structure, the existing ramp from the Southbound Kennedy (I-90/94) to eastbound (inbound) Congress Parkway was closed in mid-January. All of the three bridge support piers and bridge abutments have been completed with beam installation started in late September. The contractor previously completed the extension and relocation of the large City of Chicago combined sewer siphon. The project includes the full reconstruction of the bridge, a new retaining wall between Van Buren Street and Halsted Street and reconstruction of Van Buren Street pavement and drainage and major



improvements to an existing City of Chicago combined sewer siphon beneath the expressway. In coordination with Greektown, major improvements will also be made within Elysian Field on the southeast corner of Van Buren and Halsted Streets. The project is anticipated to be completed in the late spring of 2019.

- **Water Main Improvements at Jackson Boulevard**

The project will install a brand new 16" water main for the City of Chicago beneath I-90/94. This project is an advance utility relocation contract of an existing 16" water main that would otherwise be impacted by future projects. The contractor has completed the water main and 30" steel casing pipe under I-90/94 and installation of the riser shaft structures on both sides of the expressway is ongoing. Water main removal and installation within Jackson for final connections is progressing. Traffic on Jackson Boulevard is shifted to provide access and storage for the contractor. Completion of the project is anticipated in the fall of 2018.

- **Eastbound (Inbound) I-290 Mainline**

The reconstruction of the inbound mainline lanes of the Eisenhower from west of Racine Avenue to I-90/94 began in the fall of 2017. Traffic is staged in order to allow construction progress. Construction of drilled shafts for the proposed retaining walls along the south side of I-290 continues. Major storm sewer work continues with the closure of the ramp from Westbound I-290 to Southbound I-90/94 and the Southbound exit from I-90/94 to Taylor Street in mid-May 2018. The closures are needed to build large pits required to install storm sewers between 42" and 60" in diameter. Retaining wall work along the south side of I-290, including existing wall removal, parapet improvements, drilled shaft construction and pile installation, is in progress. Congress Parkway between Racine Avenue and Morgan Street will be closed to facilitate the wall improvements and reopen prior to the fall semester at UIC. Pavement removal and storm sewer installation is also taking place west of Halsted Street. The overall project is anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2019.

- **Eastbound (Inbound) Congress Parkway**

The construction of the inbound portion of Congress Parkway rehabilitation and mainline bridge reconstruction began in the fall of 2017. Bridge support pier construction is complete on the inside of the bridge over I-90/94 and the Contractor is installing the forms and reinforcement for the bridge deck. Along the viaduct structure east of Des Plaines Street, the east portion of the concrete deck has been completed within the inside lanes and the west portion has been poured. The existing bridge carrying inbound Kennedy traffic to the inbound Congress Parkway continues to be demolished as part of this work. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times except for limited nighttime lane closures as needed for bridge deck work. The exit ramp to Canal Street will be closed during the later portions of the construction project. The overall project is anticipated to be complete in the summer of 2019.

- **Retaining Wall and Water Main/Sewer Improvements Near University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC)**

The project includes the relocation and rehabilitation of one 48" water main from the City of Chicago Cermak Pumping Station, additional water main and drainage



improvements and the construction of a retaining wall extending south of Harrison along the west side of I-90/94. The wall will be built along the University of Illinois – Chicago Student Recreation Facility and will create more space for the future construction/relocation of exit ramps from I-90/94 and I-290 to Taylor Street and the West-South Ramp connecting the outbound Congress Parkway to the southbound Dan Ryan. The proposed water main relocation work has continued with final connections planned in late August. The rehabilitation of the existing water main below the highway pavement using carbon fiber wrap has been completed. Relocation of an existing 60” City of Chicago combined sewer is almost complete. Foundation construction for the retaining wall will continue through most of the fall of 2018. The project completion is anticipated near the end of 2018.

- **Monroe Street Bridge over I-90/94**

The project includes the full reconstruction of the bridge, a new retaining wall south along the east side of I-90/94 reconstruction of Monroe Street pavement and drainage and miscellaneous ramp improvements. The project is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2019. The bridge was closed to vehicle traffic on February 26th. Foundation construction between northbound and southbound lanes was completed with the Monroe Street entrance reopened to traffic. The west abutment has been completed along with foundation drilling for the east pier and east abutment. All removals of the existing piers are complete and proposed foundations are continuing. Numerous entrance and exit ramp closures will be staged to allow bridge construction. The project also includes the structural lining of a City of Chicago combined sewer siphon beneath WB I-290.

The Illinois Department of Transportation continues to be fully committed to complete the reconstruction of the Jane Byrne (Circle) interchange in an expeditious manner while enhancing the safety of motorists in the work zones and maintaining traffic flow within the City of Chicago Central Business District.

The project website is updated periodically so please visit us again.