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Van Buren Street Fully Closed for Bridge Replacement, part of Jane Byrne Interchange Project

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that an extended closure will take place on Van Buren Street over the Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) between Halsted Street and Des Plaines Street, in Chicago, for a bridge replacement project, beginning, weather permitting, Monday, October 9.

Beginning Monday, the structure that carries Van Buren Street over the Kennedy Expressway will be fully closed until Summer 2018. A posted detour will direct westbound Van Buren Street traffic to go south on Des Plaines Street, west on Harrison Street and north on Racine Avenue to meet back with Van Buren Street. Eastbound Van Buren Street traffic will be detoured to travel north on Halsted Street, east on Jackson Boulevard, and south on Des Plaines Street to meet back with Van Buren Street. Pedestrian traffic should use Jackson Street to the north, Halsted Street to the west and Des Plaines Street to the east.

The project consists of a full bridge replacement on Van Buren Street over the Kennedy Expressway. It also includes roadway reconstruction, traffic signal improvements, lighting and aesthetic improvements.

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.

The Van Buren Street bridge replacement is part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange project, a \$475 million overhaul of the interchange that links the Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94), the Kennedy Expressway, the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290), and Congress Parkway. It involves upgrading the surrounding bridges, roadway and drainage systems to relieve congestion and improve safety at one of the country's worst bottlenecks.

For more information on the Jane Byrne Interchange, visit www.CircleInterchange.org. Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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