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Another Milestone Reached at Jane Byrne Interchange

New Taylor Street bridge joins flyover opening in time for holiday travel

CHICAGO – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Randy Blankenhorn announced the completion of two milestones as part of the Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction. The Taylor Street bridge over the Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) is now open which follows the completion earlier this month of the new flyover ramp linking the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway to the outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290), two major improvements that will make travel easier for motorists in Chicago this holiday season.

“Just in time for the holidays, we are pleased to deliver yet another big component of the Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction,” said Blankenhorn. “Illinois is the transportation hub of North America and there is no better example of that than this project. These improvements will improve commuting and the movement of freight throughout the region, while enhancing the quality of life for nearby residents and businesses.”

The new Taylor Street bridge helps to build connections between neighborhoods and provide better travel options to residents by adding bike lanes, wider sidewalks and improved access to public transportation. The \$18 million project began in April 2015 and included the reconstruction and widening of the bridge to two lanes in each direction, with sidewalks on both sides. The project also included new traffic signals, lighting and pedestrian features that comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

By adding extra capacity and shoulders, the new flyover bridge will reduce the more than 120,000 hours of delay motorists experienced per day at the previous single-lane ramp that did not have shoulders. The project began in April 2014 and included construction of the two-lane ramp that carries traffic over the entire interchange, beginning just south of Roosevelt Road and connecting to the outbound Eisenhower near Morgan Street. From ramp to ramp, the entire structure is about one mile in length.

The next phase of construction includes widening the Eisenhower at the interchange. The flyover ramp will operate as a single-lane ramp until the second lane can open upon completion of work to the outbound Eisenhower in Summer 2018.

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.

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