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Overnight closures on I-57 at Parnell Avenue

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing efforts to replace the bridge carrying Parnell Avenue over Interstate 57, in Chicago, overnight lane closures, accompanied by 15-minute full expressway traffic stops, are scheduled to take place beginning, weather permitting, Monday, April 22. The closures are necessary to safely remove the existing bridge structure over the interstate.

To complete the work, motorists should expect various overnight lane closures in both directions of I-57 near Parnell Avenue. The closures are scheduled to take place on inbound I-57 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday and outbound from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday, with full stops for no longer than 15 minutes at a time starting at 1 a.m. each night. To safely remove the section over the median, the two left lanes in both directions of I-57 will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday, April 26, to 6 a.m. Saturday and from 8 p.m. Monday, April 29, to 5 a.m. Tuesday. Additionally, the Halsted Street ramp to inbound I-57 will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, April 22, and Tuesday, April 23. Motorists should follow the posted detour.

The \$4.6 million project consists of replacing the existing bridge with a new structure, installing new LED lighting and constructing new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps.

The overall project is anticipated to be completed in September.

Motorists should continue to expect lane shifts, overnight lane closures and significant delays and to 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.

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