



McCormick Place Update

Next Phase of I-55-U.S.41 Interchange Reconstruction Announced:

As the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) moves into the next Phase of the reconstruction of the Stevenson Expressway (I-55) and Lake Shore Drive (U.S. 41) intersection near our Campus, we wanted to make you aware of what this will mean for you as you travel to and from McCormick Place. As you will recall, IDOT started this project last fall for the purpose of reconstruction and reconfiguring the six bridges and ramps that form the Interchange between Lake Shore Drive and the Stevenson Expressway.

First, all McCormick Place Buildings, parking lots and ramps leading to/from all our areas will remain open and accessible during the Reconstruction project.

Beginning this Monday, October 19th, this next phase of the reconstruction will call for lanes to be periodically reduced to one lane in both directions, which will result in traffic being shifted through this intersection, and will result in vehicles being delayed as they move through this area. You are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment. Traffic delays are expected until the completion of the Project, which is scheduled for late 2017.

During this Reconstruction period, you might consider using the following alternatives routes when approaching the McCormick Place Campus:

- If approaching McCormick Place from the north, using the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94), consider exiting at 18th Street, heading east over to State Street, turning south onto State Street to Cermak Road, then traveling east on Cermak Road over to McCormick Place.
- If approaching McCormick Place from the west, using the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290), consider exiting on Ashland Avenue, heading south to Cermak Road, then traveling east on Cermak Road over to McCormick Place.
- If approaching McCormick Place from the south, using the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/94), consider exiting on 31st Street, heading east to King Drive, then traveling north on King Drive to McCormick Place South, North and West Buildings, along with Parking Lot A. You can also continue east on 31st Street to Moe Drive to access our Truck Marshalling Lot and Parking Lot B. Finally, you can continue to drive east on 31st Street over the bridge to Ft. Dearborn Drive to access Lakeside Center and Parking Lot C. If inbound on the Stevenson (I-55), take the Dan Ryan Exit south to 31st Street and follow the above directions to our Campus.

Once again, be sure to give yourself extra time approaching McCormick Place as traffic is expected to be heavier than normal. But remember, all McCormick Place buildings, parking lots and ramps will be open and accessible for the duration of the Reconstruction project.

Thank you for your cooperation.