

**April 9, 2015**

**Subject: Loop Link Construction Project**

Hello Businesses, Residents, Property Owners, Tenants and other Stakeholders,

Here is the update for the week:

**CONSTRUCTION ZONE EXPANDING TO WASHINGTON STREET**

The Loop Link construction zone will be expanding to a section of Washington Street before the morning rush hour on Friday, April 17. All traffic between Wacker and Clark will be channeled into the two north curb lanes. This is a permanent condition. Also starting on April 17, there will be no more LAZ street parking on the north side of Washington between Wacker and LaSalle. Loading, standing, and deliveries on both sides of Washington, from Wacker to Clark, are also being eliminated. Finally, right turns from Washington onto LaSalle will be prohibited.

The current CTA bus stop locations on Washington will remain unchanged.

The west curb lane of Franklin will be closed at Madison starting Friday morning, April 10. This will allow construction of the east end of the new bus platform to proceed on Madison between Franklin and Wacker.

**MADISON STREET**

Work continues on Madison from State to Clark. ComEd is moving forward with their structure repairs east of the Dearborn intersection. In addition, we expect that the first section of the red BUS ONLY pavement will be poured between Dearborn and Clark this Saturday, April 11.

Pavement removal operations have started in the west half of the block between Wells and Franklin.

Finally, the contractor is progressing with placement of the new stone roadway subgrade between Franklin and Wacker.

**CLINTON STREET**

The construction on Clinton also continues. Two new bus stop pads were recently poured on Clinton, at the south side of Madison and at the north side of Jackson. We expect that CTA buses will be using these bus stop locations sometime next week.

## **CLARK STREET BRIDGE**

While not part of the BRT work, there is an upcoming painting project on the Clark Street Bridge over the Chicago River. Here are the details for that project:

- Bridge Painting to begin 4/10/15 and continue to 5/22/15
- Single lane and single sidewalk closures 24/7
- Full bridge closures Monday thru Thursday from 7PM to 6AM
- Full weekend bridge closure April 24-27
- Maintain two thru lanes outside of full bridge closures
- Vehicular traffic will be detoured West on Kinzie, South on LaSalle, and back East on Wacker
- Pedestrian traffic will be detoured East on Kinzie, South on Dearborn, and back West on Wacker
- During full bridge closure, to accommodate the businesses between Kinzie and the bridge, the signal at Kinzie and Clark will be programmed to flash red with an additional stop sign for northbound vehicles. With the bridge closed, vehicles will have to turn around and head north back to Kinzie and turn left or right.

## **OTHER NOTES**

As mentioned in previous updates, please make sure to keep all travel lanes free from private vehicles, delivery trucks, stopped cabs, etc. The City will be ramping up enforcement of all No Parking & Tow Zones in the next few weeks.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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