

Ongoing and Upcoming Traffic Impacts

DuSable Lake Shore Drive

One southbound lane on DuSable Lake Shore Drive remains closed between 57th Drive and Hayes Drive to construct a third southbound lane. Suggested alternate routes include 57th Drive and Cornell Drive.

Haves Drive

Hayes Drive remains fully closed just west of DuSable Lake Shore Drive to construct a new pedestrian underpass. A detour is posted. Daytime lane closures and parking restrictions remain on Hayes Drive between Stony Island and the entrance to the parking lot just west of DLSD and just north of Hayes. Access to Park District facilities will be maintained.

Stony Island Avenue

Starting August 29th, there will be a long-term roadway narrowing where traffic will be shifted to the west side of Stony Island Avenue from 59th Street to 65th Place. Traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction, and parking will be restricted. Construction activities will include the relocation and replacement of a 36" water main, roadway widening, and construction of new pedestrian safety improvements. CTA bus service will remain active on Stony Island Avenue. CTA users should expect bus stops to be temporarily consolidated and relocated to safe locations away from immediately adjacent construction activity.

Access to Jackson Park Facilities

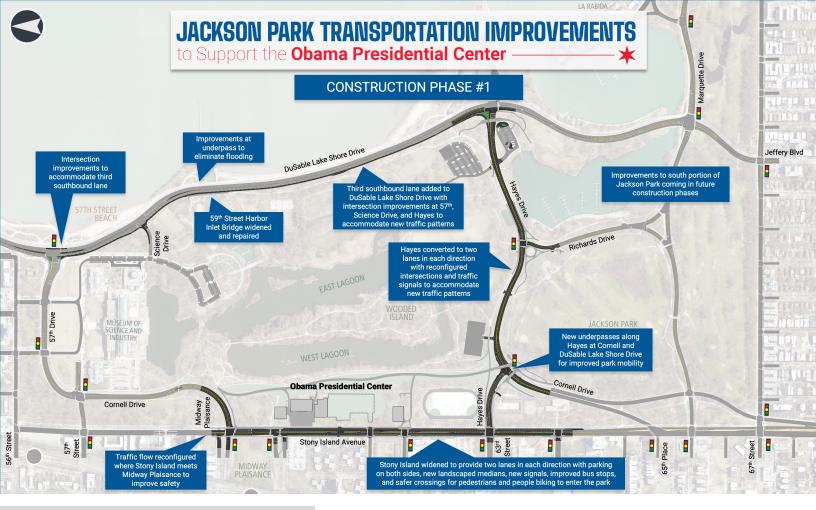
During this phase, the project will maintain community access to trails, Chicago Park District buildings, ball fields, golfing, and parking lots during construction except for the parking lot at 1987 E. Hayes Drive (lot just west of DLSD and just south of Hayes). Pedestrian detour routes with wayfinding signs will be implemented to guide residents and park users around sidewalk, path, and roadway closures in the park. The pedestrian underpass for DLSD north of Hayes is currently closed for construction operations. New pedestrian signals and a marked crosswalk have been installed for a temporary at-grade crossing at Hayes.

Construction Schedule

The estimated duration of this initial phase of roadway construction is 24 months, with completion by Winter 2023. All work will be coordinated with the construction of the Obama Presidential Center and will be constructed in phases in order to minimize the inconvenience for neighborhood residents, park users, and motorists.



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Project Benefits

- Widening of southbound Lake Shore Drive to three (3) lanes from south of 57th Dr to Hayes Drive for improved traffic flow
- Widening and full reconstruction of Stony Island Avenue from Midway Plaisance to 64th Street to increase safety and comfort for pedestrians and cyclists, improve traffic flow for motorists and transit, and provide parking
- New landscaped medians with trees on Stony Island Avenue
- Reconstruction of Hayes Drive for improved traffic flow
- 2.5 miles of new or reconstructed shared use pathways and sidewalks
- Three (3) new underpasses for improved safety and mobility for pedestrians and cyclists
- Curb extensions (bump-outs) and median refuge Islands for increased pedestrian safety
- New pump station to address flooding at 59th Street pedestrian underpass
- New interconnected traffic signals and reconfigured intersections for improved traffic flow
- New LED street lighting

Project Overview

In February 2021, the City of Chicago completed the federal review process required for the construction of the Obama Presidential Center (OPC) and associated transportation improvements in and around Jackson Park. This process included analysis of numerous alternatives and extensive public engagement. Community members reviewed the proposals and provided invaluable feedback that helped guide final design decisions. The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin construction of the first phase of these improvements in Spring 2022.

The project addresses changes in travel patterns that will result from closing roadways in Jackson Park. Improvements to Lake Shore Drive, Hayes Drive, and Stony Island Avenue will allow for the closure of Cornell Drive from Midway Plaisance to Hayes Drive and construction of the Obama Presidential Center. Additional roadway closures are planned in future construction phases, which will add over 5 acres of new and better connected green space. The strategic safety and operational improvements to the transportation network will improve access and circulation for cyclists and pedestrians, while also ensuring that travel times for those who drive in and around the park will remain relatively unchanged.



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