

Upcoming Traffic Impacts

DuSable Lake Shore Drive

Starting April 14th, one southbound lane on DuSable Lake Shore Drive will be closed between 57th Drive and Hayes Drive. Alternate routes include Cornell Drive and Stony Island Avenue.

Hayes Drive

Starting April 18th, Hayes Drive will be closed just west of DuSable Lake Shore Drive and a detour will be posted. There will be daytime lane closures and parking restrictions on Hayes Drive between Stony Island and just east of DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Access to Park District fields will be maintained.

Stony Island Avenue

Starting April 18th, intermittent daytime lane closures will be in place along northbound Stony Island Avenue from Marquette Drive to 59th Street, typically three blocks at a time. Parking will be restricted along Stony Island. One lane of traffic in both directions will be maintained.

Access to Jackson Park Facilities

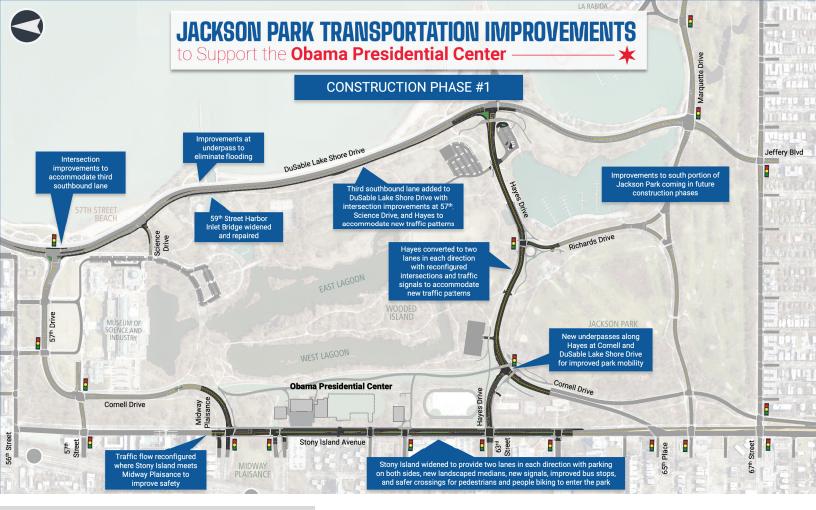
The project will maintain community access to trails, Chicago Park District buildings, ball fields, golfing, and parking lots during construction except for use of and parking at the Boat Launch and parking lot at 1987 E. Hayes Drive. Pedestrian detour routes with wayfinding signs will be implemented to guide residents and park users around sidewalk, path, and roadway closures in the park.

Construction Schedule

The estimated duration of this initial phase of roadway construction is 24 months. CDOT anticipates starting in Spring 2022, 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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