



**Eisenhower Expressway
resurfacing**



**Congress Parkway bridge
rehabilitation**



Wacker Drive reconstruction



**Congress Parkway
improvement**

Eisenhower Expressway/ Congress Parkway/ Wacker Drive

State and City projects
2010-2012

State of Illinois
Pat Quinn, Governor



City of Chicago
Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Starting in 2010, the State of Illinois and City of Chicago will begin four major improvement projects impacting these busy roadways.

Each project will benefit hundreds of thousands of motorists and pedestrians for decades to come:

- 1. Eisenhower Expressway resurfacing—Circle interchange to Thorndale**
- 2. Congress Parkway bridge rehabilitation—over the Chicago River**
- 3. Wacker Drive reconstruction—Randolph to Congress Parkway**
- 4. Congress Parkway improvement—Wells to Michigan**

The projects will be managed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (Eisenhower and Congress Bridge) and the Chicago Department of Transportation (Wacker Drive and Congress Parkway improvement)



Eisenhower Expressway resurfacing— Circle Interchange to Thorndale

Scope

- Mill and resurface I-290 from Thorndale to the Circle Interchange and I-355 from Army Trail Road to I-290 (includes exit and entrance ramps). Approximately 27 miles of resurfacing.
- Repairs to 37 bridges

Improvements

Smooth pavement surface

Tentative schedule

Spring 2010 to Fall 2010

Traffic impacts

- Work will take place in both directions simultaneously
- During bridge repairs, reduced to two lanes in each direction





Congress Parkway bridge rehabilitation

Scope

Rehabilitation of bridge built in 1956

Improvements

Smooth driving surface; structural repairs; complete bridgehouse electrical component replacement

Tentative schedule

Spring 2010 to Fall 2011

Traffic impacts

- Reduced to two lanes inbound, one lane outbound from Canal to Wells
- Eastbound side 2010, westbound side 2011





Wacker Drive reconstruction

Scope

Complete reconstruction of north-south segment of Wacker Drive from Randolph to Congress Parkway. Originally built in 1955.

Improvements

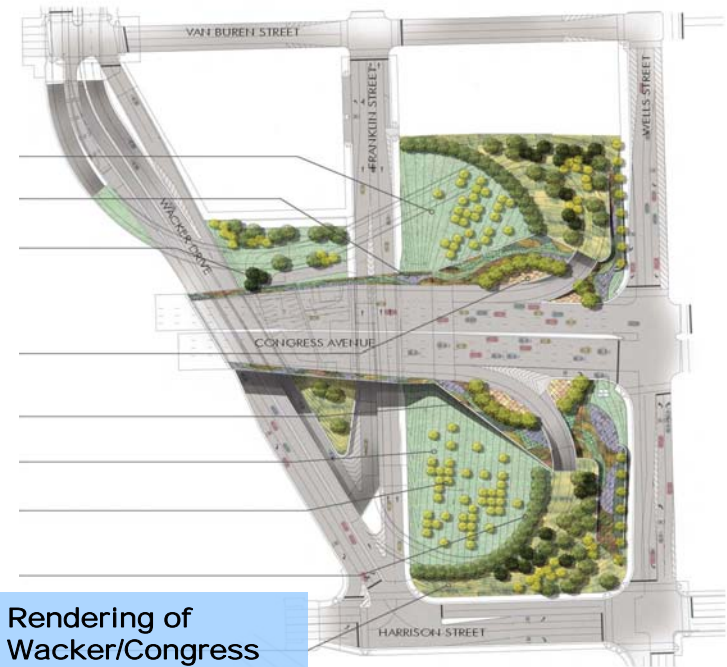
Smooth driving surface; increased clearance, new service drive on Lower Wacker

Tentative schedule

Spring 2010 (utility work); 2011-2012 (reconstruction)

Traffic impacts

- Reduced to one lane in each direction
- Access closed to/from Congress Parkway (no exits or entrances open)





Congress Parkway improvement

Scope

Refurbishment of Congress Parkway corridor from Wells Street to Michigan Avenue

Improvements

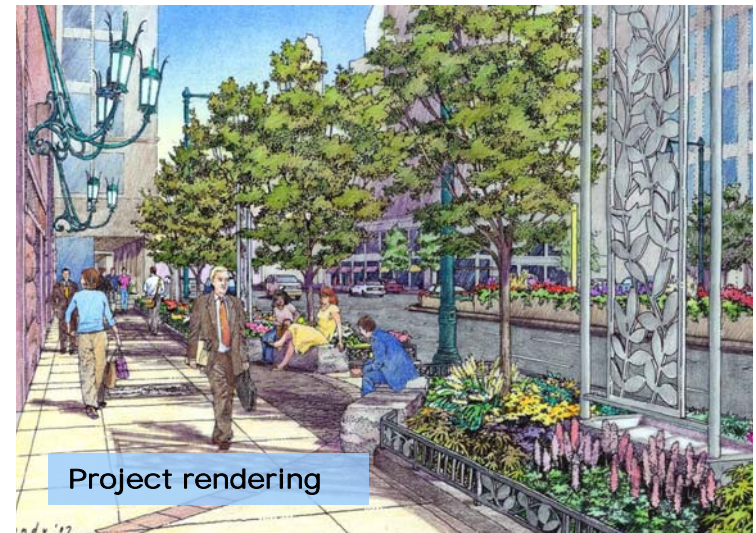
New sidewalks, irrigated medians, decorative LED lighting, community Identifiers, street resurfacing, interconnected traffic signals

Tentative schedule

Spring 2010 to Summer 2012

Traffic impacts

- Reduced to three lanes eastbound/two lanes westbound during rush hours, two EB/two WB during off-peak hours
- Access to all buildings maintained





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do these projects need to be done?

The infrastructure in each of these areas is aged and in deteriorated condition, and because of heavy use needs repair/replacement.

- The Eisenhower was last resurfaced more than 10 years ago, and sees an average of 185,000-210,000 vehicles daily
- The Congress Bridge was built in 1956, and was last rehabbed in 1981. Since then, daily traffic volumes have increased, and the bridge has seen deterioration.
- The north-south section of Wacker Drive was built in 1955; 60,000 vehicles a day use the roadway
- The Congress corridor is a main gateway into downtown Chicago

Why do all these projects at the same time?

While tackling each project simultaneously will undoubtedly create inconvenience, it lets us minimize the duration of the disruption. If tackled separately and sequentially, these projects would stretch construction over 10 years or more.



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How will you manage traffic?

Both IDOT and CDOT have extensive experience managing traffic during large-scale, multiyear projects. Working together—as well as with businesses, residents, elected officials and other stakeholders—IDOT and CDOT will do everything possible to minimize the impact of construction. As construction nears, we will have more information about alternate routes and commuting suggestions. However, as with any major construction project, there will be challenges.

How will you let everyone know what's happening?

Communication is key, and IDOT and CDOT have already begun to meet with those who the project will affect. In the coming months, we plan a significant public outreach campaign to reach motorists, pedestrians, commuters, businesses and residents.

I'm mainly interested in one of the projects. How do I get more info on it?

IDOT and CDOT are planning several meetings this fall to provide more detail about each project. We'll be working with elected officials, business organizations, community/resident groups and others to disseminate info. Additionally, each agency's web site will be updated regularly.



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