Skyway Rehabilitation Project

Skyway Reconstruction Complete. Three Lanes of Traffic Open in Each Direction.

Beginning Wednesday afternoon, November 24 three lanes of traffic will be open in each direction along the entire length of the Chicago Skyway, with the completion of the Skyway reconstruction project.

The project was successfully completed on time and within budget while the roadway remained open to motorists. "By maintaining an aggressive schedule, we were able to complete the project in time for the busy holiday season," said Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) Commissioner Miguel d'Escoto. "And everyone who used the Skyway will see many improvements, from a smoother roadway to new ramps and improved lighting."

The Chicago Skyway was originally constructed in 1958. The 7.6-mile roadway connects the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90) to the Indiana Toll Road.

The $250 million project included reconstruction of various Skyway overpasses and viaducts, modifications to toll plaza canopies, reconstruction of the southern end of the roadway, new ramps at 84th Street, 56th Street, 104th Street and 105th Street, landscaping and new, large message signs for motorists. The project also included Indianapolis Boulevard improvements between 100th Street and 106th Street and the installation of new traffic signals at Indianapolis at 104th and 105th streets.

"Everyone affected by this project, residents, motorists and businesses, has been extremely cooperative and patient throughout this project," said Thomas Povner, CDOT Chief Bridge Engineer and Deputy Commissioner. "With their help, we have worked very hard to make the project go as smoothly as possible."