



CITY OF CHICAGO



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

November 7, 2025

Alderman Daniel La Spata
1st Ward

Alderman Bill Conway
34th Ward

Alderman Brian Hopkins
2nd Ward

Alderman Gilbert Villegas
36th Ward

Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr.
27th Ward

Alderman Brendan Reilly
42nd Ward

Alderman Scott Waguespack
32nd Ward

Alderman Timmy Knudsen
43rd Ward

RE: Request for Congestion Mitigation Assistance

Dear Aldermen LaSpata, Hopkins, Burnett, Waguespack, Conway, Villegas, Reilly, and Knudsen:

I am writing to provide an update on CDOT's ongoing efforts to ease congestion related to the current bridge reconstruction projects. Over the past several weeks, CDOT has implemented measures to help improve traffic flow in the areas surrounding the Chicago/Halsted Bridge and Viaduct project, including:

Traffic Flow Management

- Installed "Local Traffic Only" signs east of the project limits and near Kingsbury and Chicago to help discourage cut-through traffic on residential streets.
- Installed "No Left Turn" and "No Parking" signage at multiple intersections along Larrabee, Grand, and Superior.
- Refreshed pavement markings along Grand Avenue and added new "No Parking" signage to improve visibility and traffic movement.

Signage Clarity

- Updated detour signage to simplify wayfinding for all road users.
- Removed redundant and/or contradictory detour signs along the truck and car detour routes
- Updated the Pedestrian Detour signs west of Halsted, between Chicago Ave and Erie St.

Transit Coordination

- In collaboration with CTA, the Westbound Chicago Ave Bus (#66) and the Northbound Halsted bus (#8) have been rerouted to reduce the bus congestion along the detour routes.



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In addition to these changes, CDOT is actively evaluating signal timing at intersections experiencing the greatest congestion and will continue monitoring conditions to identify further improvements.

If you have specific questions about this project, please contact Eric Anderson, Assistant Chief Engineer, at 312-742-4401 or Eric.Anderson2@cityofchicago.org.

We appreciate your continued partnership as we work to minimize the impact of these major infrastructure projects and keep traffic moving safely through the area.

Sincerely,

Acting Commissioner Craig Turner, PE, PLS
Chicago Department of Transportation