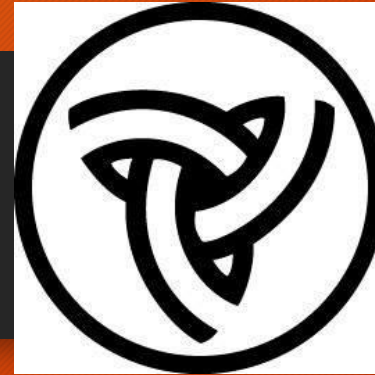


# 2018 National Work Zone Awareness Week

Work Zone Safety: Everybody's Responsibility



The Illinois Department of Transportation is proud to host the 2018 National Work Zone Awareness Week kick-off event at the Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction project in Chicago.

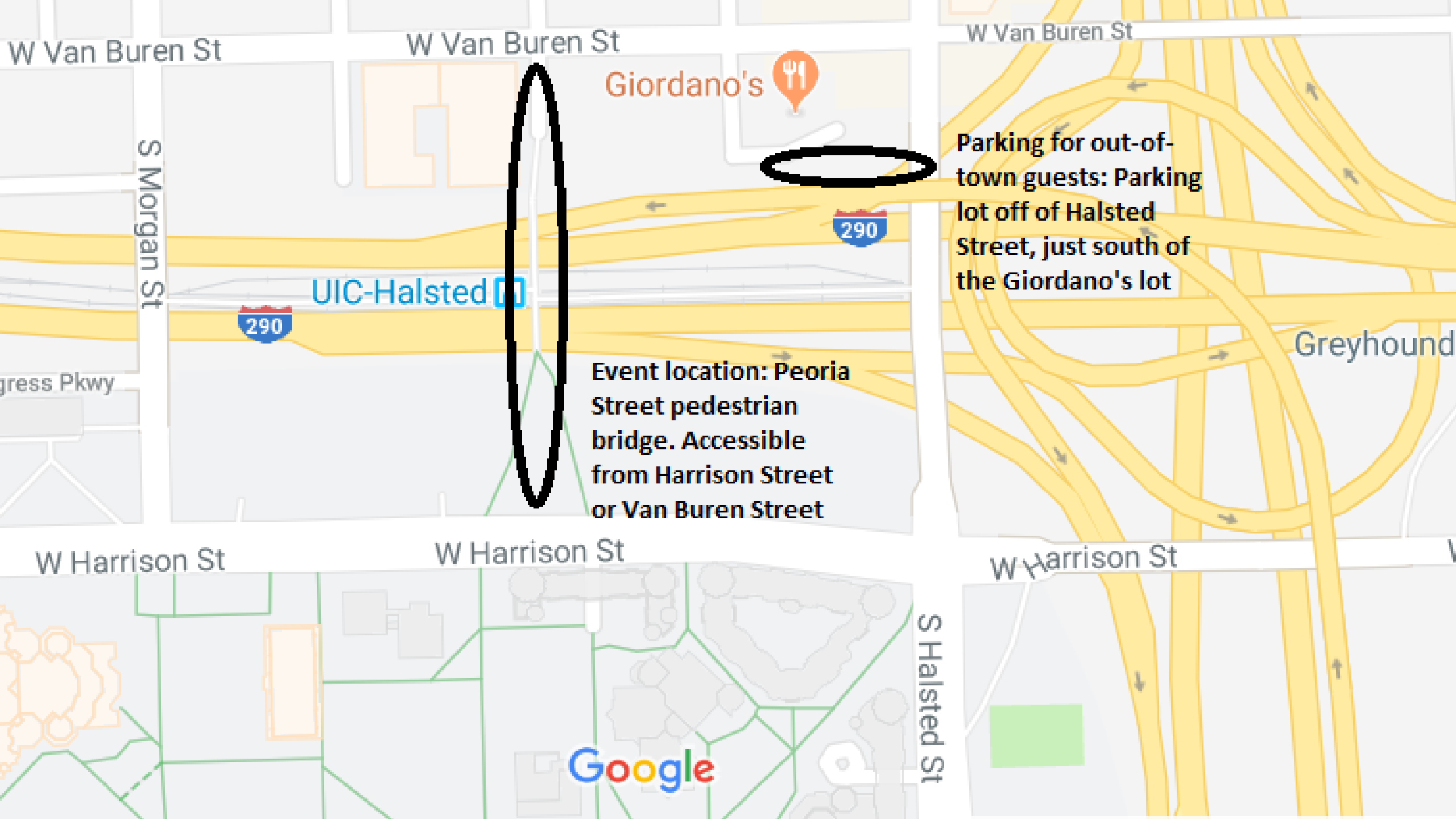
The Jane Byrne Interchange project is an enormous work zone, involving three major interstates. The limits of the work zone also consist of adjacent communities, pedestrian bridges, transit stations and a major university.

Built more than 50 years ago, the interchange is a hub for local, regional and national freight traffic. The \$600 million reconstruction project will benefit more than 400,000 vehicles that travel through the interchange on a daily basis.



# Jane Byrne Interchange in Chicago

- Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018
- Time: 10:30 a.m.
- Place: Peoria Street pedestrian bridge over Interstate 290
  - The bridge is accessible from...
    - Van Buren Street to the north
    - Harrison Street to the south
    - Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Blue Line train - UIC-Halsted stop



Giordano's



Parking for out-of-town guests: Parking lot off of Halsted Street, just south of the Giordano's lot

UIC-Halsted



Event location: Peoria Street pedestrian bridge. Accessible from Harrison Street or Van Buren Street

Greyhound

Google







# Getting There...

- Visitor attendee parking: Use the parking lot located just south of the Giordano's restaurant lot (815 W Van Buren Street).
- Local attendee parking: IDOT field office located at 900 S. Des Plaines. A shuttle will bus people from the parking lot to the event site.
- Ridesharing apps: GPS location is Harrison Street and Peoria Street.
- Public Transportation: The venue is also accessible by CTA Blue Line train. Exit at the UIC-Halsted stop.

# Proposed Agenda

- Speakers (in no specific order yet)
  - Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blakenhorn
  - Governor of Illinois Bruce Rauner (invited)
  - FHWA
  - Illinois Tollway
  - Christine Nichols, widow of Ryan Nichols who was killed in a work zone crash in Illinois in 2011.

On hand for one-on-one interviews: Construction workers that can give testimonies on front line experiences, Illinois State Police, industry reps. They are willing to speak (2-3 min maximum) if we can allow more time in the program.



# Suggested Accommodations

- Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop - 733 W. Madison Street, Chicago, IL 60661 312-829-5000 (\$205-250 + \$49 parking/night)  
<https://www.ihg.com/hotels/us/en/reservation>
- Holiday Inn and Suites Chicago - Downtown - 506 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60607 312-957-9100 (\$178-\$219 + \$50 parking/night)  
<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/reservation>
- Hyatt Centric the Loop Chicago - 100 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603 312-236-1234 (\$266-306 + \$66 parking/night)  
<https://theloopchicago.centric.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>
- The Congress Plaza Hotel - 520 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605 312-427-3800 (\$116-\$296 + \$44 self-park or \$49 valet/night)  
<http://www.congressplazahotel.com/>
- Hilton Chicago - 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605 312-922-4400 (\$170-191 + \$62 self-park or \$79 valet/night)  
<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/illinois/hilton-chicago-CHICHHH/index.html>
- JW Marriot Chicago - 151 W. Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60603 312-660-8200 (\$391-\$439 + \$45 self-park or \$69 valet/night)  
<http://www.marriott.com/reservation/>
- W Chicago - City Center - 172 W. Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60603 312-332-1200 (\$435-\$495 + \$46 self-park or \$67 valet/night)  
<http://www.wchicagocitycenter.com/>
- Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel - 1 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601 312-372-7200 (\$589-\$619 + \$69 parking/night)  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chisr-renaissance-chicago-downtown-hotel/>
- The Wit Chicago Doubletree by Hilton - 201 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60601 312-467-0200 (\$209-\$289 + \$65 parking/night)  
<https://thewithotel.com/>
- Palmer House - A Hilton Hotel - 17 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603 312-726-7500 (\$349-\$379 + \$47 self-park or \$79 valet/night)  
<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/illinois/palmer-house-a-hilton-hotel-CHIPHHH/index.html>



# Suggested Activities for Visitors

- “The Bean” - officially called Cloud Gate, this 110-ton elliptical sculpture by Anish Kapoor sits in AT&T Plaza in Millennium Park. See yourself and the city skyline reflected in the polished surface. A must see for visitors to Chicago and an easy walk from anywhere in the Loop.
- The Art Institute of Chicago - Ever play the board game *Masterpiece*? Come see the real paintings featured in the game at the Art institute of Chicago. Located at 111 South Michigan Avenue it is also an easy walk from anywhere in the Loop.  
[www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)
- The Skydeck at Willis Tower (formerly known as the Sears Tower) - if you're not afraid of heights, the Skydeck offers spectacular views spanning up to four states and The Ledge, a glass balcony extending four feet outside the 103<sup>rd</sup> floor of Willis Tower! <http://theskydeck.com/>
- Boat Tours - there are several companies that have boat tours of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Ask at your hotel for more information. Definitely an interesting way to see Chicago from a unique angle!