



Western Ave. over Belmont Ave. Viaduct Demolition Project Update – Demolition Schedule

The demolition of the Western Avenue Viaduct Structure has been accelerated and will take place over one three day weekend, March 4-8. The modified demolition plan includes the closing of the Western/Belmont/Clybourn intersection completely in order to safely remove the deck from the structure. The remainder of the structure will be demolished as originally intended with one lane of traffic open in each direction. The modified demolition will take place from the evening of Friday, March 4, through early morning Tuesday, March 8, with around the clock demolition activities.

By limiting the significant demolition to this three day weekend, the community will benefit with an accelerated demolition schedule and no additional road closures planned for the remainder of the demolition, easing traffic disruptions for residents and motorists. The originally anticipated six day closure will no longer be required and the overall demolition period will be reduced from six months to five months. Western Avenue will reopen one month early to two lanes of traffic in each direction.

Signage informing the public that all businesses will remain open during construction will be placed at the following major intersections: Western/Diversey/Elston, Belmont/California, Western/Addison, Western/Irving Park, Belmont/Damen, and Diversey/Clybourn/Damen.

Traffic Impacts

Friday, March 4th, 8 P.M. –

Monday March 7th, 5 A.M.

Beginning at 8p.m. on Friday, March 4, Western Avenue will be fully closed to through traffic between Nelson and Roscoe Streets and Belmont will be completely closed at Western. This will allow the contractor to completely and safely remove the deck over Belmont Avenue and partially remove the remaining deck.

Monday March 7th, 5A.M. –Tuesday, March 8th, 5 A.M.

At 5a.m. on Monday, March 7, Belmont and the majority of Western Avenue will reopen. Demolition work will continue as will the ongoing full closure of Southbound Western Avenue between Belmont and Roscoe. This work will be completed at 5a.m. on Tuesday, March 8.

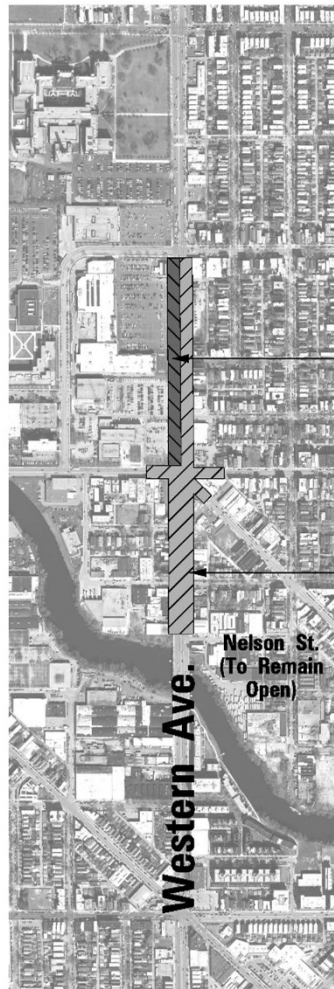


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Addison St.

(To Remain Open)

Roscoe St.

(To Remain Open)

Road Closure (Part 2)
SB Western, Roscoe to Belmont
Friday PM to Tuesday AM

Belmont Ave.

Road Closure (Part 1)
Friday PM to Monday AM

Clybourn Ave.

Diversey Ave.

(To Remain Open)