

Torrence Avenue Bridge

over Calumet River

RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Chicago Department of Transportation is rebuilding the historic Torrence Avenue bridge over the Calumet River. The vertical-lift bridge--the only city-owned bridge of its kind--was built in 1938. After more than seven decades, the aging structure requires a complete restoration.

There are two separate bridge structures--one roadway, one railroad. The city will rehab the roadway bridge, including the steel structure and all mechanical and electrical machinery, and paint the structure.

The bridge work will occur with the structure in the up position, about 120 feet in the air, to facilitate access to the structure.

The Torrence bridge operates year-round, serving commercial ship traffic on the Calumet River. The bridge opens and closes more than 100 times a month.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Work begins Monday, September 12, 2011

Project completion: Fall 2012

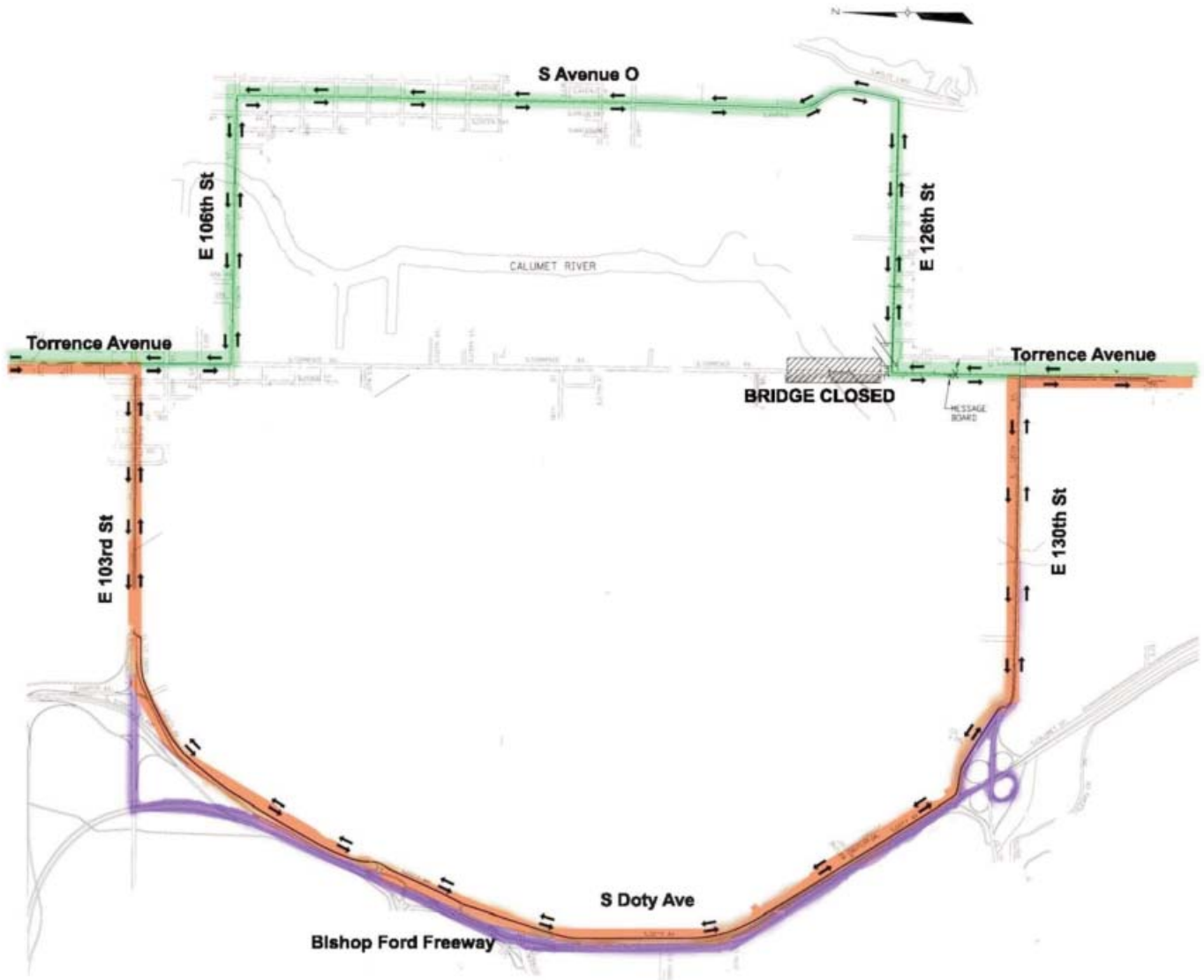


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Traffic detours



GREEN car detour **ORANGE** truck detour **PURPLE** truck alternative route (Bishop Ford Expressway)

Car/bike traffic

Northbound: east on 126th, north on Avenue O, west on 106th, back to Torrence
Southbound: east on 106th, south on Avenue O, west on 126th, back to Torrence

Truck traffic

Northbound: west on 130th, north on Doty, east on 103rd, back to Torrence
Southbound: west on 103rd, south on Doty (east of Bishop Ford Expy), east on 130th, back to Torrence