

Find out [what traffic is like](#) before you walk out of your front door.

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2010 Construction Season Begins

With approximately 80 percent of the Congestion-Relief Program - *Open Roads for a Faster Future* - complete, the Illinois Tollway has new, wider roads. You'll find newly completed sections on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80), Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). With the new construction season underway, the Tollway's work for 2010 shifts focus to repair and maintenance projects.



VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY

What's Happening

Construction began in April to repair and resurface the one-mile section between 83rd Street and 75th Street, as well as the 10 miles between Ogden Avenue and Army Trail Road. As part of the project, 24 bridges in these sections will be rehabilitated. Construction will be completed by the end of 2010. This is the first major maintenance work on this 20-year-old roadway.

What it Means to Travelers

Three lanes will remain open during peak times. However, drivers headed north onto the Eisenhower (I-290/IL Route 53) will see a reduction in lanes as the Illinois Department of Transportation begins the resurfacing project on their roadway this year.



TRI-STATE TOLLWAY

What's Happening

Advance work will begin in June on the Edens Spur (I-94) to relocate utilities in preparation for roadwork this summer. This project will repair and resurface five miles of 50-year-old mainline pavement and rehabilitate bridges carrying the Spur over local roads and railroads. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by the end of 2010.

What it Means to Travelers

Advance work will have little impact on traffic. When construction begins later this summer, one lane will be closed in each direction. Delays are expected.

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Construction:

How it may affect you.

Monthly I-PASS Tip:

Avoid violations and save cash.

Child Safety:

Free seat inspections begin this month.

Be Safe in Work Zones Follow these tips



Limit Distractions

Handheld cell phone use and texting is prohibited while driving in work zones.



Watch for Signs

Traffic can take unexpected turns in construction zones.



Drive 45

Reduced speed limits in effect 24/7.



Don't Tailgate

Leave two car lengths between you and the car in front of you.

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Ensure Easy Toll Payment. Mount Your Transponder.

While driving on the Tollway, I-PASS users are required to have a properly mounted transponder in their vehicle.

Your transponder is the connection to paying your toll. Failure to have the transponder results in *video-recorded tolls* (vTolls) and puts you at risk of incurring violations. Excessive vTolls can put your account in jeopardy of violations and fines.

Having a properly mounted transponder is your best insurance against unwanted fees and inconvenience. Don't leave home without it.

Remember, DuaLock(tm) Mounting Strips are available at all mainline Toll Plazas and [Tollway Customer Service Centers](#) there's no excuse not to *Mount Your Transponder*.

[Unsure of how to put up your transponder? Watch the video.](#)

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About Oases

The Toll Poll is a short (less than 5 questions) survey we use to better understand our customers.

This month we are focusing on our Oases; how you use them and what additional services you would like to find there.

We consider your ideas, insight and feedback as vital planning components in the development of future programs and services. Take the survey and let us know what you think.

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Drive Worry Free. Your Kids' Seats are Safe With Us.



Planning a trip with the kids this summer travel season? This year's schedule includes special events at Illinois Tollway Oases in advance of the major summer holidays.

Before you hit the road, let us inspect your child safety seat. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians inspect, install and

provide the latest safety seat information and educational materials.

80 percent of seats are installed improperly. Reduce the risk of injury in the event of a sudden stop or accident.

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Find CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Programs at Oases

Support local farmers and reserve your fresh, locally grown fruits or vegetables by purchasing a share in a local farm. Then pick up your weekly box full of produce at participating Tollway Oases.

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