

If you are unable to view this eNewsletter, [a version is available online](#) on the Illinois Tollway's website. To help prevent Tollway emails from getting caught in your spam filter, add mailer@mail2.getipass.com to your email address book.



November 2011

Illinois Tollway Announces New Capital Program

In August, the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors approved the \$12 billion, 15-year capital program, Move Illinois: *The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

The Move Illinois Program will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region.

Move Illinois Program Goals:

- Save drivers time and money
- Drive the economic engine
- Build a 21st century transportation system
- Take care of the existing system
- Be the "cleanest and greenest" program in history

[Learn more about Move Illinois](#)

[\[Back to Top\]](#)



In This Issue...

[Move Illinois Program Overview and Goals](#)

[What's Included in the New Program?](#)

[Why Tolls are Needed](#)

[Where Toll Revenue Goes](#)

[January 1, 2012 New Toll Rate](#)

[Cleanest and Greenest](#)

[Saving Drivers Time and Money](#)

What's Included in the Move Illinois Program?

The Move Illinois Program commits \$8.32 billion to fund necessary improvements to the existing Tollway system. Projects include:

- Reconstruct and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) – 2012-2016
- Reconstruct the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and Edens Spur (I-94) – 2020-2022
- Preserve the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) – 2017-2019
- Preserve the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) – 2018-2019
- Repair roads, bridges and maintenance facilities – 2012-2026

The Move Illinois Program also commits an additional \$3.83 billion for new projects that focus on enhancing regional mobility including:

- Constructing the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass – 2013-2025
- Constructing a new interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and I-

Why Tolls are Needed

A promise was made that once the bonds used to build the original 187 miles of the Illinois Tollway were paid off, the roads would become freeways. The promise was well-intentioned, but shortsighted. Tolls are necessary to cover the costs of:

- Illinois State Police, H.E.L.P. Truck program, I-PASS customer service
- Snow plowing and road maintenance
- Reconstruction of the Tollway system and any new roads

57, as well as the 147th Street ramps – 2012-2014, 2023-2024

- Planning for transit on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) for the first time in the agency's history
- Funds to study a north extension of Illinois Route 53/120 and the Illiana Expressway

[Learn more about Move Illinois](#)

Move Illinois Program Maps (Printer-Friendly)



New! I-294/I-57 Interchange

New! Elgin O'Hare West Bypass

I-90 Improvements

Existing System Needs

[Take a virtual drive on the new I-294/I-57 interchange](#)

[\[Back to Top\]](#)

January 1, 2012 – New Toll Rates Begin

To help fund Move Illinois: *The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, the Tollway Board of Directors approved new toll rates for cars which begin on January 1, 2012.

- For I-PASS customers, tolls will increase 35 cents at a typical toll plaza. For example, a toll which now costs I-PASS customers 40 cents will cost 75 cents.
- A trip on the Tollway for an average I-PASS customer would be \$1.18 – up from today's average of 63 cents per trip.
- With this increase, the Illinois Tollway will rank 29 among 41 toll road agencies in the U.S. in terms of price – still in the bottom third at an average of just 6 cents per mile.
- Find out what your new rate will be. [Visit the Tollway's interactive map.](#)

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system – no state or federal tax dollars are used to support maintenance and operations.

Illinois Tollway Rate History



[\[Back to Top\]](#)

Saving Drivers Time and Money

Increased capacity and new access from projects in Move Illinois: *The Illinois*

Unfortunately, there is no such thing as a "free" road. To fund the infrastructure improvements included in this capital plan, the state would need to raise the gas tax by more than 20 cents a gallon.

[Find new toll rates](#)

[\[Back to Top\]](#)

Where Do the Tolls Go?

Find out how the Tollway plans to spend next year's toll revenue by reviewing the [2012 Tentative Budget](#).

- Join the conversation and share your comments.
- Participate in the public hearing at the Tollway's headquarters on November 15, 2011.
- Watch the public hearing live online and send us a virtual comment.

[\[Back to Top\]](#)

The Cleanest and Greenest Tollway Program in History

The Move Illinois Program will minimize the environmental impact of roadway construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. "Green" Move Illinois Program goals include:

- Natural environment and resource protection
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Renewable energy and energy conservation
- Investing in technology
- Creating intelligent transportation systems

[Learn more](#)

[\[Back to Top\]](#)

Tollway Driving the Future will provide drivers with options and opportunities to save time and money over the next decade and beyond.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning projects that – collectively – these three major projects will reduce vehicle miles traveled in congestion by 1 million miles daily, resulting in savings of more than \$775 million annually due to reduced congestion and delays.

- The Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Reconstruction will save drivers 25 minutes traveling between Elgin and the Kennedy Expressway.
- The Elgin O'Hare West Bypass will save drivers 13 minutes on a five-mile trip from I-290 to York Road.
- The Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange will save commuters using I-80 to I-57 25 hours per year and a total of \$4 million annually in fuel consumption.

[Learn more](#)

[\[Back to Top\]](#)

Interested in saving 50 percent?
Get I-PASS today.

I-PASS customers will continue to pay 50 percent less than customers who pay cash.

[Customers without an I-PASS can get one here.](#)

[\[Back to Top\]](#)

Email Administration Center

In accordance with the Illinois Tollway privacy policy, no personal information you provide us will be sold, rented, or disclosed to any unauthorized entity or individual.

Unsubscribe

This eNewsletter is provided as a service to Tollway customers. If you would like to be removed from our eNewsletter list, send an email to: unsubscribe-7136@up0.net or call 800-UC-IPASS (800-824-7277) and ask to be removed.

This message was sent from a send-only mailbox and is unable to accept replies.

Up-to-the-minute traffic by roadway—www.nbcchicago.com

Questions? [Contact us](#)

Illinois Tollway

2700 Ogden Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515
Telephone: 630-241-6800