



Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Bridge Repair Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Bridge Rehabilitation Project repaired four bridge structures in the immediate vicinity of the I-294 Interchange at the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88). The project also included gutter installation and slope repairs near Rexford Road and Midlothian Turnpike on the South Tri-State. This work is part of the Tollway's \$5.8 billion Congestion-Relief Program – *Open Roads for a Faster Future*.

Construction Update (11-30-10)

The I-294 Bridge Rehabilitation project was complete by the end of October 2010. All bridges and ramps remained open to traffic during construction.

Slope repairs on the South Tri-State between Rexford Road and Midlothian Turnpike will be complete the weekend of October 8.

PROJECT INCLUDES

Bridge Repairs

Four bridge structures will be repaired at the I-294/I-88 Interchange. Repairs include pavement patching, bridge deck concrete overlays including a new, concrete deck for the northbound I-294 bridge over I-88, concrete superstructure rehabilitation, bearing replacement, and painting steel beams.

Bridges scheduled for rehabilitation include:

- I-294 southbound bridge over I-88
- I-294 northbound bridge over I-88

- Northbound I-294 collector-distributor road over I-88
- Bridge structure carrying ramps for I-88 westbound to I-294 southbound and I-88 eastbound to I-294 northbound movements

Slope Repairs

Gutter installation and slope repairs are planned on the south end of the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) near Rexford Road and Midlothian Turnpike for erosion control.

PURPOSE

Pertinent Details on Why and How

The Tri-State Tollway (I-294) bridge structures over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) are 50-year-old structures. Rehabilitation will provide a longer life for the structures and a smoother driving surface for Tollway drivers. The Tollway is coordinating work with IDOT, Cook County Highway Department, and various utility companies.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present. A 45 m.p.h. speed limit will be in place on the mainline. See the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at www.illinoistollway.com.

