

Ramp and Roadway Repairs

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2024, the Illinois Tollway work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) includes repairs on the Roosevelt Road Interchange ramps and underpass lighting work on the ramp from northbound I-355/Ogden Avenue to westbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88). Additional work includes earth work at 127th Street, as well as pavement and drainage repairs, fiber optic improvements and roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation.

This work is scheduled to begin in the spring and be complete by the end of the year.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Tollway is repairing four ramps at the Roosevelt Road Interchange on I-355 in Lombard. Work includes concrete pavement patching, crack sealing, and asphalt shoulder surface removal and replacement.

I-88 underpass lighting removal and replacement with new LED lights is scheduled on the ramp carrying northbound I-355/Ogden Avenue to westbound I-88.

At 127th Street, earth excavation and disposal and berm construction is planned adjacent to the southbound roadway.

Concrete pavement patching is scheduled between U.S. Route 6 and I-55 and at I-88.

Additional work includes roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation, as well as drainage repairs and fiber-optic improvements through the corridor.

Customer Impacts

Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

At Roosevelt Road, weekend-long ramp closures with detours will be needed on two ramps carrying northbound I-355 to Roosevelt Road and Roosevelt Road to southbound I-355. The ramps will not be detoured simultaneously.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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.

The Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the "Move Over Law" requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones or failure to comply with the Move Over Law.

The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$250 and drivers face up to a \$25,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at <u>illinoistollway.com</u>.

PURPOSE

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and ramps and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 16year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future.*

Construction is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Downers Grove, Village of Glen Ellyn and Village of Lombard, as well as local fire and police departments.

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BUILDING GREEN

The Tollway is committed to "Building Green" and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- <u>Illinoistollway.com</u> Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- <u>Daily construction alerts</u> Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- <u>Twitter.com</u> Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.