

"Building Green" efforts minimize the environmental impact of new roadway construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials.

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Tollway Building Green



Since the 2005 launch of the \$6.3 billion Congestion-Relief Program – *Open Roads for a Faster Future* – the Tollway has been reducing, recycling and reusing roadway materials across 120 miles of construction systemwide. Highlights include:

- Recycling 100 percent of the old roadway pavement, more than 5 million tons, enough to fill Soldier Field three times.
- Reusing about 230,000 scrap tires in asphalt mixes for new roadway shoulders and pavement.
- Reducing dependency on new materials, saving nearly 4 million barrels of petroleum-based liquid asphalt.

"Building Green" has helped the Tollway minimize the environmental impact of new roadway construction by cutting consumption of new materials and decreasing the amount of scrap material disposed of in landfills. In addition it offers the benefit of cost savings by reducing the volume of new construction material purchases and eliminating the need to truck material off and onto construction sites.

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New Lanes and Smooth Pavement Make Congestion Relief a Reality



Projects on Schedule and On Budget:

The South Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) Rebuild & Widen Project now has four lanes of new pavement in each direction between 159th Street and 95th Street. Off-peak and long-term closures continue for noisewall construction.

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Reducing, recycling and reusing materials.

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Find out where major construction is complete.

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New Mile Markers Appear:

Every quarter mile on the Illinois Tollway.

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Follow Posted Traffic Signs at Toll Plazas



You can use your I-PASS in all lanes.

Remember to stop at manned

The Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Rebuild & Widen Project is complete. Drivers now have four lanes of new pavement in each direction between York Road and IL Route 83.

The Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) Resurface & Widen Project is complete. Drivers now have four lanes of new pavement in each direction between Ogden Avenue and 75th Street.

The Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Reconstruct & Widen Project now has three lanes of new pavement in each direction between Rockton Road and East State Street in the Rockford area.

[Find out more about construction projects that are being completed...](#)

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Budget Meetings Announced

The Illinois Tollway 2010 tentative budget was formally introduced to the Tollway Board of Directors during the October 29 Board Meeting.

- A public hearing for the budget is scheduled on November 16, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the Tollway's Downers Grove Headquarters.
- A public open house will be held on November 17 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Belvidere Oasis on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

The budget process will conclude in December after the Board reviews and adopts the final 2010 budget.

[Find the Tollway's 2010 Tentative Budget...](#)

New Mile Posts Help Drivers Identify Location



If your vehicle is stranded on the Tollway or you need to report a roadway incident, new mile markers every quarter mile will help identify your location without having to leave your vehicle.

In order to increase safety and bring the Tollway in line with federal standards, mile marker installation is underway systemwide – updating and in some cases renumbering the 50-year-old signs.

New signs are complete on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and are underway on the Central and South Tri-State (I-294/I-80)

Mile markers on the North Tri-State (I-94)/Edens Spur will be renumbered in December and Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) signs are scheduled for 2010.

tollbooths and cash basket lanes for your safety, as well as the safety of other drivers and Tollway employees.

Not stopping in these lanes, where stop signs are clearly posted, is a violation of the law and may result in a ticket.

[Find more information about driving on the Illinois Tollway...](#)

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Watch Tollway Board Meetings Online

The Tollway is making Board and Committee Meetings available via live



Webcasts. The next Board Meetings are the morning of November 19.

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I-PASS Users: Mount Your Transponder



Make sure your transponder is affixed to your windshield* before going through the I-PASS lanes. Holding up your transponder is not only distracting, but may cause a misread. Misreads may lead to violations. Make it count. Please mount.

*Some vehicles require license plate transponders; check to see if your car is on this list.

[Mounting Instructions...](#)

If you require non-emergency Roadside Assistance while on the Illinois Tollway, call *999. For emergencies dial 911.

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