



## North Tri-State Tollway

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### **IL Route 120 (Belvidere Road) Bridge Improvements**

The Illinois Tollway is rebuilding and widening the North Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-94) throughout a 39-mile corridor in order to provide congestion relief. The IL Route 120 (Belvidere Road) Bridge over the Tollway is being reconstructed and lengthened in order to accommodate the mainline widening. The project includes reconstructing and widening to four lanes in each direction of the North Tri-State Tollway between Dempster Street and IL Route 173 and reconstructing the less congested section north of IL Route 173 to Russell Road. The section between Russell Road and the Wisconsin state line will be resurfaced. This work is part of the Tollway's Congestion-Relief Program to reduce travel times.

#### ***Update – Latest Construction Info***

Work was completed in late July on the Belvidere Road Bridge (IL Route 120) over I-94 and all lanes have reopened on the bridge. Work began in August 2007 and bridge reconstruction work was completed on schedule while maintaining two-way traffic at all times during construction.

The new IL Route 120 (Belvidere Road) Bridge over I-94 consists of two, independent structures; the eastbound bridge features two through lanes and the westbound bridge features two through lanes and an auxiliary lane. The bridge is a two-span, concrete bridge with an eight-inch thick concrete deck and is supported by 32, 113-foot-long, 54-inch-deep concrete beams. More than 1,400 yards of concrete were used to build the substructure, decks and parapet walls.

#### **Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays**

The Tollway coordinated bridge work with IDOT and officials from Lake County and the villages of Gurnee and Waukegan to minimize the impact to local roads. One through lane was maintained in both directions throughout the project. There were minimal impacts to traffic on the Tri-State Tollway during bridge reconstruction. Lane closures were permitted off-peak only to minimize the impact to traffic.

#### ***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 speed limit will be in place on the bridge during construction, and a 45 m.p.h. speed limit also will be in place on the mainline. See the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

#### **Schedule**

Summer 2007 – Eastbound bridge reconstruction begins.

Spring 2008 – Eastbound bridge completed. Westbound bridge reconstruction begins.

July 2008 – Bridge reopened to traffic.

**Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How**

Rebuilding and lengthening the Belvidere Road Bridge will allow the Tollway to widen I-94 underneath Belvidere Road to provide congestion relief and reduce travel times. The Tollway will continue to coordinate this project with local, county and state transportation and transit officials.

**For further information visit [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) & view the construction section, or call 1-800-TOLL-FYI.**

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