



Touhy Avenue Toll Plaza Rebuild Project

The Illinois Tollway has rebuilt the Touhy Avenue Toll Plaza as part of a project to reconstruct and widen to four lanes the 4.5-mile section of the Central Tri-State Tollway between Balmoral Avenue and Dempster Street in order to provide congestion relief and reduced travel times for Tollway customers. In addition to rebuilding the cash side of the Touhy Toll Plaza, a fourth Open Road Tolling (ORT) lane will be constructed and opened in 2009. This work is part of the Tollway's Congestion-Relief Program to reduce travel times.

Update – Latest Construction Info

The plaza features three ORT lanes and five cash toll booths and an I-PASS Only (IPO) lane in a small plaza on the right for I-PASS traffic exiting at Touhy Avenue. Two lanes are open on the departure from the cash plaza. One lane is dedicated to the Touhy Avenue exits and one rejoins mainline traffic north of Touhy Avenue.

Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays

Three lanes of traffic remained available in both directions during daytime hours throughout this project. Lane closures were permitted off-peak only, to minimize the impact to traffic. Please see our Daily Lane Closures for specific daily lane closures per project.

Work Zone Safety

Remember to drive safely in work zones and abide by the 45 m.p.h. speed limit; see the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at www.illinoistollway.com.

Schedule

The Central Tri-State Rebuild & Widen Project began in fall 2006, with work to rebuild and widen the northbound lanes continuing into mid-2008. Touhy Avenue Toll Plaza construction began in 2007 and was completed in late 2008. Southbound mainline work began in spring 2008. Project completion is scheduled for late 2009.

Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How

Rebuilding and widening this section of road to four lanes will provide congestion relief and reduce travel times. The Tollway is coordinating work with local, county and state transportation officials on work to reconstruct I-294 in this section.

For further information visit www.illinoistollway.com & view the construction section, or call 1-800-TOLL-FYI.

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