

**Open Road Tolling (ORT)
Available at all 20 Mainline Toll Plazas**

The work to convert 20 mainline toll plazas to Open Road Tolling (ORT) for non-stop I-PASS travel, which began in the summer of 2005, is complete. In 2005 (Phase I), ORT lanes debuted at 9 toll plazas. In 2006, ORT lanes have been delivered at the remaining 11 plazas. This project is part of the Tollway's \$5.3 billion Congestion-Relief Program to reduce travel times.



Toll Plaza with Open Road Tolling

Update

NOW Complete!

I-90

South Beloit – 2 ORT lanes in each direction now complete.

I-355

Army Trail Road – 3 ORT lanes in each direction now complete.

Boughton Road – 3 ORT lanes in each direction now complete.

I-294

Touhy Avenue – 3 northbound ORT lanes now complete.

Irving Park Road – 4 southbound ORT lanes now complete.

Cermak Road – 4 ORT lanes in each direction now complete.

82nd Street – 4 ORT lanes southbound now complete.

83rd Street – 4 ORT lanes northbound now complete.

I-88

Aurora – 2 ORT lanes in each direction completed.

I-94

Edens Spur – 2 ORT lanes in each direction completed.

ORT Available but Construction Continues

I-88

Dixon – 2 ORT lanes in each direction. One ORT and one cash lane are closed until late fall to complete work on the overhead walkway. Work also continues to deconstruct the old plaza.

DeKalb - 2 ORT lanes in each direction. One ORT and one cash lane are closed until late fall to complete work on the overhead walkway. Work also continues to deconstruct the old plaza.

York/Meyers – 3 ORT and 4 booths complete at new eastbound Meyers Road Plaza. At westbound York Road plaza, 2 ORT are available as work continues through December to complete a 3rd ORT lane and to dismantle the old eastbound plaza structure. Then this interim configuration will be in place until this section of I-88 is widened to four lanes.

I-90

Belvidere – 2 ORT lanes in each direction. Work continues on cash side of the plaza.

Marengo – 2 ORT lanes in each direction. Work continues on cash side of the plaza.

Elgin – 3 ORT lanes in each direction. Work continues on cash side of the plaza.

Devon Avenue – 3 ORT lanes westbound. Devon ramp reopens by Thanksgiving, cash plaza work continues through summer 2007

River Road – 2 ORT lanes eastbound. Work continues to build a 3rd ORT lane by end of year and to complete work on the cash side of the plaza by summer 2007.

I-294

163rd Street – 2 ORT in each direction, work continues to build a 3rd ORT. Cash plaza work will continue through summer 2007.

I-94

Waukegan – 3 ORT lanes in each direction, work on cash lanes continues thru summer 2007.

Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays

The schedule for converting toll plazas to ORT is being coordinated to keep as many I-PASS lanes open as possible during the conversion and staff will continue to monitor the need for more interim I-PASS Only lanes. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by plaza conversion as we are working hard to deliver Open Road Tolling and reduced travel times as quickly as possible.

Work Zone Safety

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



Open Road Tolling first debuted at the Irving Park Rd. toll plaza on November 13, 2005

Schedule

The schedule to complete conversion to Open Road Tolling is designed to deliver non-stop toll collection by the end of 2006 so customers can enjoy its benefits as soon as possible. Work is being completed in two phases. *Phase I:* Construction began in summer 2005 and ORT was delivered by the end of the year at nine plazas including Boughton and Army Trail on I-355; Edens Spur on I-94; Irving Park Road, Touhy, Cermak, 82nd St. and 83rd St. on I-294 and the Aurora Toll Plaza on I-88.

Phase II: Conversion of the remaining plazas is now complete and ORT lanes are now available at all 20 mainline toll plazas. The plazas converted in 2006 include York Road/Meyers Road, DeKalb and Dixon on I-88; River Road, Devon Avenue, Elgin, Marengo, Belvidere and South Beloit on I-90; Waukegan on I-94; and at 163rd Street on I-294.

Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How

The conversion from traditional toll plazas to a barrier-free system, the first in the nation in such a short time, is allowing I-PASS users to travel at highway speeds on the mainline while their tolls are collected electronically by a monotube overhead, reducing congestion and travel times. As a rule, each plaza will have as many Open Road Tolling lanes after conversion as there are mainline lanes leading into or exiting the plaza. Vehicles without I-PASS will keep to the right to pay cash to toll collectors in smaller toll plazas, which will not impact the free-flow of traffic on the mainline. Separating I-PASS traffic from vehicles paying cash will also improve safety at toll plazas.

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

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