

Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) Resurface and Widen Project 75th Street to Ogden Avenue

The Illinois Tollway is resurfacing and widening a 4-mile section of the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between 75th Street and Ogden Avenue. This work is part of the Tollway's Congestion-Relief Program to reduce travel times.

Update – Latest Construction Info

Work to resurface and construct a fourth northbound lane from 75th Street to Ogden Avenue is scheduled to begin in April. Northbound traffic is scheduled to shift left to accommodate the work zone on the right shoulder.

Northbound work is scheduled to be completed in 2008. Southbound resurface and widen work is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

Local Crossroad Bridge Impacts

During mainline construction, traffic on Jackson Avenue and on Hitchcock Avenue under I-355 will be impacted by work to widen bridge abutments. The same number of lanes will be maintained on the crossroads during construction to minimize the impact to traffic.

The Resurface & Widen project also includes bridge deck widening work on the I-355 Bridge over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays

Work is scheduled during off-peak hours to minimize the impact to traffic. Three lanes of traffic will be maintained during daytime hours. Lane reductions are permitted overnight beginning with one lane closing after 8 p.m. and a second lane closing after 11 p.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning.

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

Schedule

- 2008 – Work begins to resurface and build a fourth northbound lane between 75th Street and Ogden Avenue.
- 2009 – Southbound resurfacing and widening work.
- I-355 Resurface & Widen from 75th Street to Ogden Avenue is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009.

Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How

Resurface & Widen work on the 4-mile section of the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) will provide congestion relief and reduce travel times. Resurfacing work will provide a smoother and safer ride for Tollway customers.

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

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