

Northwest Tollway (I-90) at U.S. 20

The Illinois Tollway rebuilt the flyover ramp bridge over the Northwest Tollway (I-90) at U.S. 20 in 2006 to provide a smoother ride for Tollway customers. The flyover ramp bridge serves as an entrance ramp from U.S. 20 to eastbound I-90 and an exit ramp from eastbound I-90 to U.S. 20. Erosion control and substructure painting work were completed in spring 2007.

Update – Latest Construction Info

Construction on the ramp structure that takes U.S. 20 traffic to eastbound I-90 began in 2006 and was completed in early December 2006. Erosion control and pier work was completed in spring 2007.

Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays

The project required daytime shoulder closures and overnight lane closures. All lanes reopened by 5 a.m. each morning to minimize the impact to traffic. The ramp from U.S. 20 to eastbound I-90 was closed during construction, with a posted detour taking traffic east on U.S. 20, then north on IL Route 47 to the eastbound I-90 entrance ramp. Traffic on the bridge was staged to keep the I-90 eastbound exit to U.S. 20 open during construction.

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

Work began in May 2006 to reconstruct the western half of the flyover ramp bridge. Construction on the west side of the bridge was completed in September 2006. Traffic from the I-90 eastbound exit ramp shifted to the new pavement on the western half as reconstruction work continued on the eastern half of the bridge. The new flyover ramp from U.S. 20 to eastbound I-90 reopened in early December 2006.

Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How

The Tollway reconstructed the flyover ramp bridge in 2006, added shoulders and widened the approach to the bridge for a smoother ride on this bridge that was originally opened to traffic in 1958. New lighting and guardrail was installed to improve safety for Tollway customers.

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

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