



Northwest Tollway (I-90) Cable Median Barrier Installation

The Illinois Tollway has installed a cable median barrier and upgraded existing guardrails on the Northwest Tollway (I-90), between Randall Road and the Kishwaukee River. A cable median barrier is a traffic device that enhances safety for Tollway customers by absorbing the impact of vehicles crossing into the median and helping to prevent crossover collisions.

Update – Latest Construction Info

Work began in October at the east end of the project at Randall Road. All cable median barrier has been installed. The cable median barrier is three feet high and is erected 11 feet from the eastbound shoulder. New guardrail also was installed and safety upgrades were made to existing guardrail.



Cable median barrier is now installed on the Northwest Tollway.

Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays

The Northwest Tollway project required daytime shoulder closures and overnight lane closures for eastbound traffic. All lanes reopened by 5 a.m. each morning to minimize the impact to traffic.

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 project began in October. All cable median barrier was installed by December 31, 2005. The remaining guardrail work was completed in May 2006.

Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How

The cable median barrier was installed in the center median to absorb the impact of vehicles that cross into the median, helping to prevent accidents. This device has also been installed on the west end of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) as part of the Roadway Rehabilitation project.

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