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## Reduce Congestion and Repair Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294)

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#### **Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Corridor Overview**

Workhorse of Tollway system

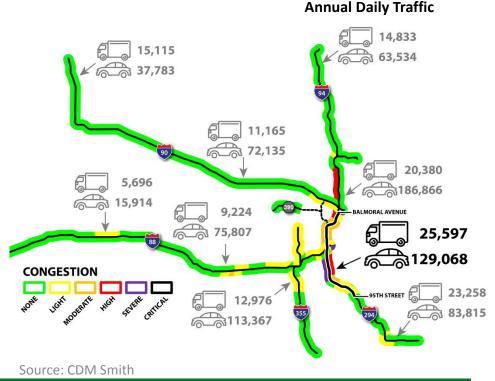
Integral to state and region's economy

Central to transportation network



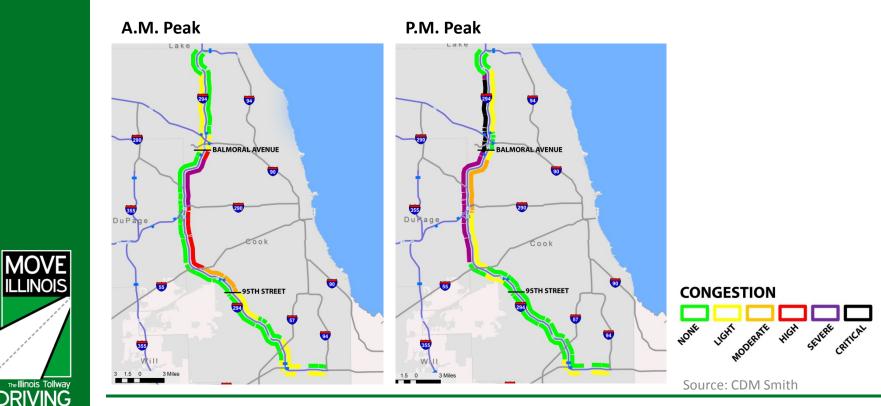
Major freight corridor

Worst congestion delays on 292-mile Tollway system



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#### **Current Central Tri-State Congestion**



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#### Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Corridor

95th Street to Balmoral Avenue 22 miles

**Originally constructed in 1958** 

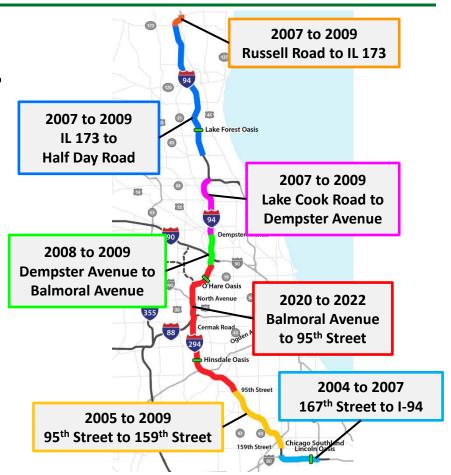
Segments of original pavement and structures

**Patchwork pavement repairs** 



**Currently 4 lanes, 13 interchanges, 2 oases and 5 toll plazas** 

Original \$1.9 billion reconstruction project part of *Move Illinois* Program, anticipated for 2020 to 2022



#### **Current Central Tri-State Plan**

Move Illinois Program

2 years and \$1.9 billion

Bring the corridor to a state of good repair

22 miles of removal and replacement of old pavement



Improve Mile Long Bridge and BNSF Bridge **Congestion relief unresolved** 

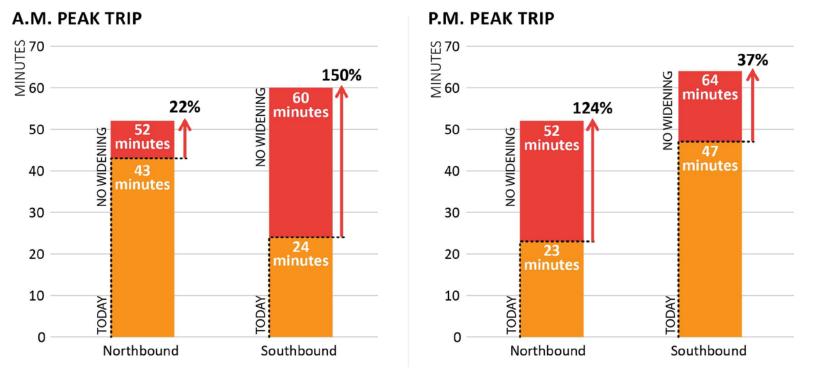
Choke points, bottlenecks and daily backups remain

Reconstruction insufficient for current and future travel needs

Unaddressed needs of adjacent communities

Unable to achieve long-term value from \$1.9 billion investment

#### **Congestion Only Gets Worse**



Travel times are related to traveling the full length between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street. Travel times related to no widening are projected to 2040.

Source: Draft Central Tri-State Master Plan

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#### Changes Save Commute, Save Time, Reduce Congestion

P.M. PEAK TRIP

WIDENING

NO

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minutes

26

minutes

Northbound

WINUTES 60

50

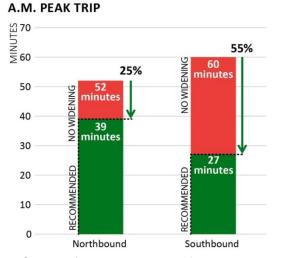
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#### DAILY COMMUTER - TOTAL HOURS (A.M. Northbound and P.M. Southbound)



Travel times are related to traveling the full length between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street. Travel times related to no widening are projected to 2040.

52%

64

minutes

31

minutes

Southbound

NO WIDENING

RECOMMENDED

49%

#### **Solution – Recommended Alternative**

#### Everything in the Move Illinois Central Tri-State Program and More



- Integrate Flex Lanes
- Implement SmartRoad technology
- Widen where needed

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- Reconfigure and improve I-290/
  I- 294/I-88 Interchange to address bottleneck and congestion
- Improve I-55 Interchange to alleviate congestion

- New Interchanges to improve local access
- Address local concerns regarding noise, aesthetics and quality of life
- New truck parking and freight access opportunities
- Regional stormwater improvements
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#### **Benefits of Recommended Alternative**

25% - 55% shorter peak travel times

Travel speed increases from 24 mph to 45 mph during peak periods

Increase safety and reliability

Flex Lane to improve operations and safety



**Provide for transit option** 

Robust power and data to support future technology





#### **Regional Benefits of Recommended Alternative**

\$330 million annual savings from reduced travel delays

Create or sustain as many as 43,000 jobs

Support regional transportation solutions



Opportunities for economic development throughout the corridor

Partnership opportunities with local agencies and communities

Provide local road congestion relief

Freight solutions for industry growing needs

Reduced delays in freight movements and increased reliability

Regional stormwater solutions for economic development



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#### **Major System Interchange Improvements**



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#### **Project Financing**

| Source  |
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| Original allocated amount in Move Illinois Program  |
| Revenue in excess of what was expected for 2013 through 2016.   |
| Additional revenue provided based on current projections from 2017 through 2025 relative to estimates made at the start of <i>Move Illinois</i> .   |
| Less debt service costs for <i>Move Illinois</i> for 2012 through 2023 than planned in 2013.  |
| Revenue expected to be generated between 2018 and 2025 via a new v-toll fee which will encourage transponder use and improve toll collection efficiency.  |
| Additional bonding in 2023 and 2024 allowed because of incremental revenue from additional lanes<br>on the Central Tri-State, v-toll fee and lower debt service for bonds already issued. Tollway debt<br>service coverage will remain above 2.0 for all years. |
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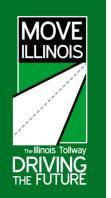
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#### **Next Steps**

- Board discussion and approval
- Procure design contracts
- Establish community and stakeholder working groups
- Continue individual community briefings and coordination and public outreach
- Coordinate with railroads, utilities, businesses and other agencies
- Continue to collaborate with partners on major system Interchanges
- Advance work to begin as early as 2018



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