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WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR PAVEMENT REPAIR WORK AT 163RD STREET TOLL PLAZA ON SOUTHBOUND TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane closures are scheduled this weekend at the 163rd Street Toll Plaza on the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) for pavement repair work. Delays are expected.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance. The lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone and maintain access for traffic. All work is weather dependent.

Weekend lane closures on southbound I-294 are scheduled to begin overnight Friday, April 23, at 7 p.m., and continue as needed into Sunday, April 25. Traffic traveling through the open road tolling lanes at the toll plaza will be reduced to a single lane by 10 p.m. on Friday, April 23. By 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, two lanes are scheduled to be open to traffic for the rest of the weekend. All southbound lanes traveling through the toll plaza are scheduled to reopen after 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, dependent on concrete curing.

Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#).

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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.

The Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the "Move Over Law" requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones or failure to comply with the Move Over Law. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$250 and can include up to a \$25,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker. Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first nine years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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