



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) FOR BRIDGE JOINT WORK BETWEEN BUTTERFIELD ROAD AND ILLINOIS ROUTE 53**

*Weekend repair and maintenance work on I-355 will continue throughout the summer*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Lane closures are scheduled this weekend in both directions on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between Butterfield Road in Downers Grove and Illinois Route 53 in Glen Ellyn for bridge joint repair work. Delays are expected.

Beginning on Friday, June 18, at 7 p.m. lane closures on I-355 between Butterfield Road and Illinois Route 53 are scheduled to begin and continue as needed into Monday, June 21. Traffic will be reduced to one lane by 9 p.m. on Friday, and by noon on Saturday, June 19, two lanes are scheduled to be open to traffic for the rest of the weekend. All lanes in both directions are scheduled to reopen by 6 a.m. on Monday, June 21, dependent on concrete curing.

During the weekend of June 25-27, similar lane closures will be scheduled at other locations along I-355.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane closures. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Weekend work is expected to continue through the summer at various locations in both directions on I-355 between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Road. In 2021, the Illinois Tollway is completing mainline bridge joint repair work, as well as median barrier removal and replacement, pavement repairs, roadway lighting and electrical work, as well as other minor miscellaneous work along I-355. The lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone and maintain access for traffic. In addition, the work will necessitate overnight closures of several ramps at the Roosevelt Road and Army Trail Road interchanges later this summer. Detours will be posted

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) 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

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 reconstructing the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

**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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