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**WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES, INCLUDING RAMP DETOURS, SCHEDULED ON VETERANS
MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) BETWEEN NORTH AVENUE AND ARMY TRAIL ROAD**

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

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane closures are scheduled this weekend on the northbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between North Avenue and Army Trail Road, including detours of the ramps connecting eastbound Army Trail Road to northbound I-355 and northbound I-355 to Army Trail Road, for bridge joint repair work. Delays are expected.

Extended ramp and lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone. The repair work is scheduled during the weekend to minimize the impact on traffic.

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.

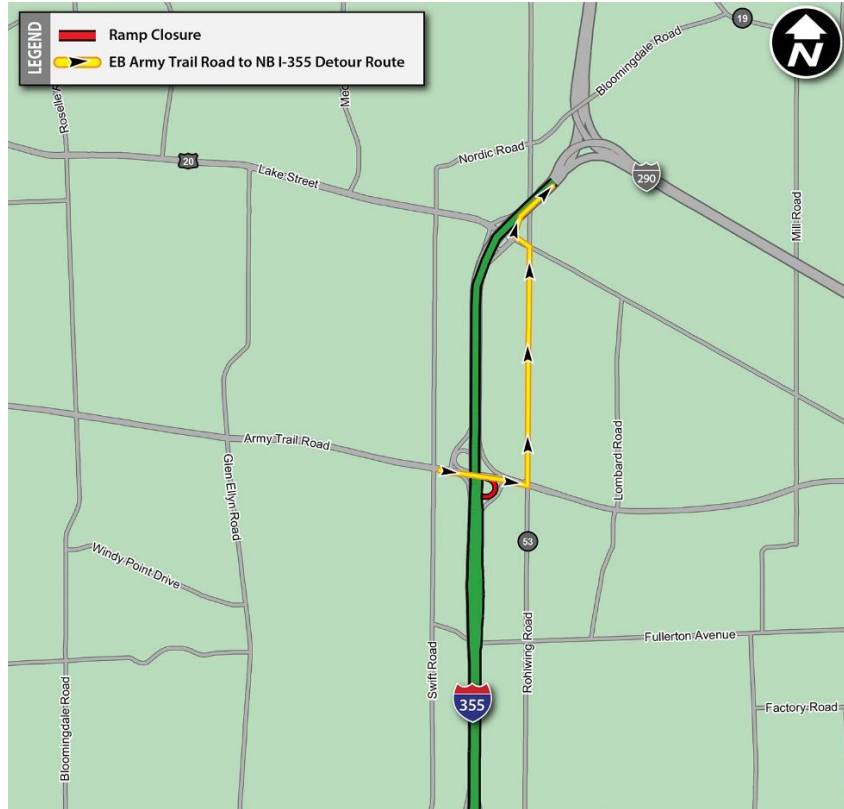
On Friday, August 6, beginning at 8 p.m. lane closures on northbound I-355 between North Avenue and Army Trail Road are scheduled to be put in place, with two lanes scheduled to be reopened to traffic by noon on Saturday, August 7, and a single lane closure remaining in place as needed into Monday, August 9.

Also on Friday, August 6, beginning at 9 p.m., the ramps connecting eastbound Army Trail Road to northbound I-355 and northbound I-355 to Army Trail Road are scheduled to be closed to traffic with posted detours.

All lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen to traffic by 6 a.m. on Monday, August 9, dependent on concrete curing.

Detours during the weekend closures are as follows:

For the eastbound Army Trail Road traffic traveling to northbound I-355, ramp, drivers will be detoured to Rohlwing Road then to the Lake Street interchange to access northbound I-355.



For northbound I-355 traffic traveling to Army Trail Road, drivers will be detoured to the Lake Street Interchange, then southbound on Rohlwing Road to access Army Trail Road.



Weekend work is continuing through the summer at various locations in both directions on I-355 between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Road. In addition, some of the work will necessitate overnight closures of several ramps at Army Trail Road. Detours will be posted.

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.

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 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 reconstruction of 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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