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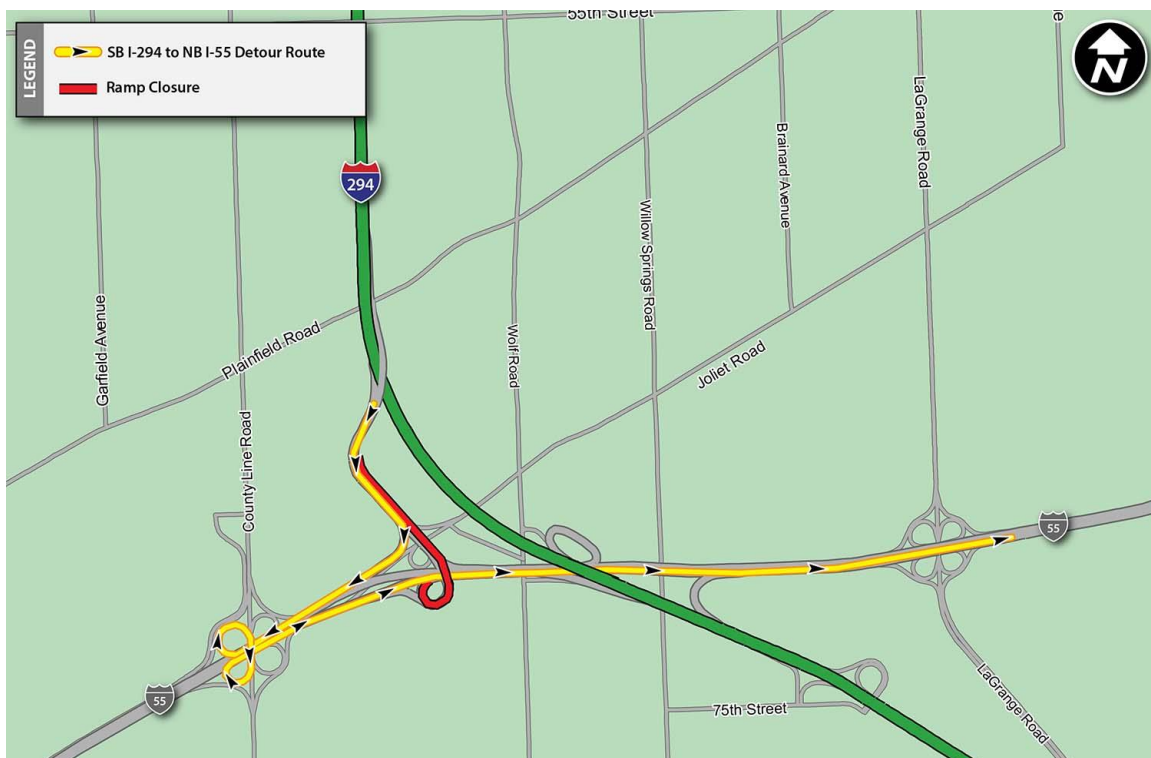
**NIGHTLY CLOSURES SCHEDULED AT I-55 INTERCHANGE
FOR CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) PROJECT**
*I-55 lane closures and ramps connecting I-294 and I-55 needed
through September for bridge beam placement*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures on I-55, along with nightly ramp closures will be scheduled through September to accommodate bridge beam placement on I-55 as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Beginning Tuesday, August 31, two nights of lane closures are needed on northbound I-55 at I-294. One northbound lane on I-55 is scheduled to close at 9 p.m., followed by a second lane at midnight. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning.

Following the Labor Day holiday, nightly closures on I-55 along with closure and detour of the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to northbound I-55 are scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 7, with up to seven nights of closures anticipated. The overnight ramp and lane closures are scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. and reopen by 4 a.m. each following morning.

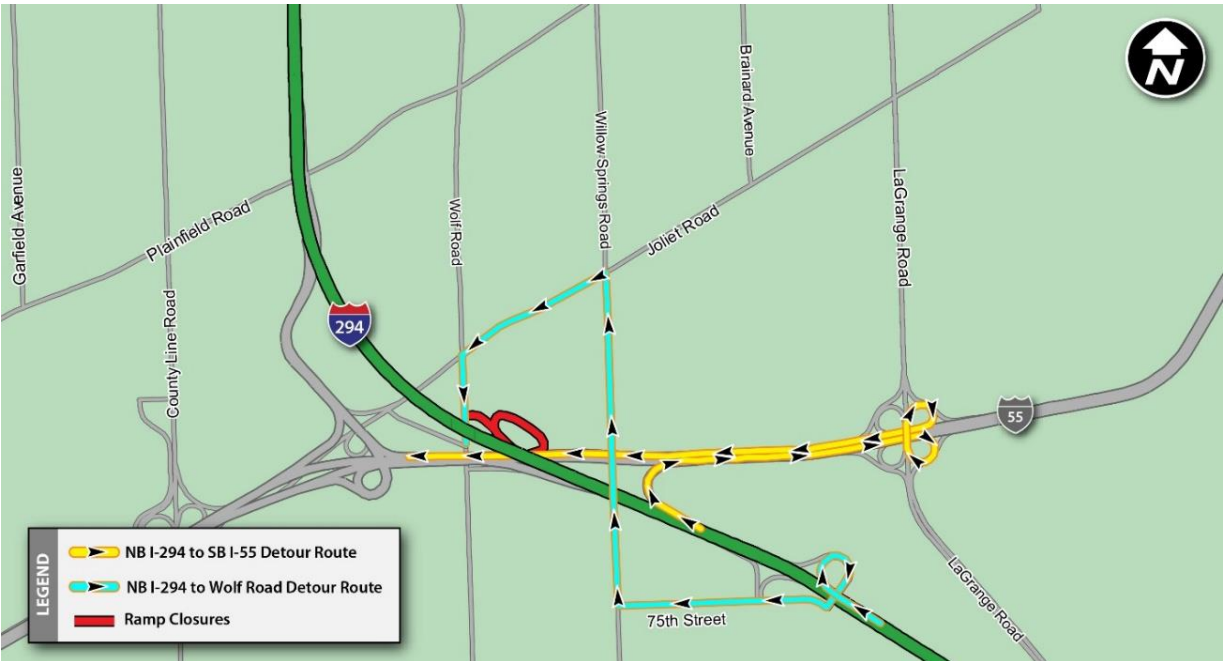
During the closures, a detour will be posted routing southbound I-294 traffic through the interchange ramps at Countyline Road back on to northbound I-294 to access northbound I-55.



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Following completion of bridge beam placement at I-55 and I-294, eight nights of double lane closures on I-55 along with closures and detours of the ramps from northbound I-294 to southbound I-55 and Wolf Road will be scheduled. The overnight ramp and lane closures are scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. and reopen by 4 a.m. each following morning.

During the closures, drivers traveling to southbound I-55 will be detoured to northbound I-55 and routed through the LaGrange Road Interchange to access southbound I-55, and drivers traveling to Wolf Road traffic will be detoured to 75th Street and routed to Willow Springs Road and Joliet Road to access Wolf Road.



Electronic message and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers on I-294 and I-55 to the construction work zones, ramp closures and detours. Work requiring closures will be scheduled during overnight hours to reduce the impact on drivers. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alerts](#). All work is weather dependent.

Additional closures will be scheduled in the area as work continues to rebuild the I-294 bridge over I-55, including closures on Wolf Road.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Village of Indian Head Park and Village of Countryside, as well as local fire and police departments.

As part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, the Illinois Tollway is reconstructing and widening I-294 between 75th Street and Plainfield Road, including construction of new I-294 bridges over I-55 and Flagg Creek and repairing the existing bridges over Wolf Road and Joliet Road. This work is scheduled for completion in 2022.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily

Work Zone Safety

Construction 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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 with 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.