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OVERNIGHT CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON BUTTERFIELD ROAD FOR BRIDGE WORK ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Temporary full stops needed to safely accommodate bridge beam placement

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight closures are scheduled next week on Butterfield Road under the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Berkley and Hillside for mainline bridge beam placement on the Illinois Tollway’s Central Tri-State Project.

During the week of October 25, one night of intermittent, full closures, each lasting up to 15 minutes, will be scheduled in both directions on Butterfield Road under I-294. The closures will begin at 9 p.m. and end by 5 a.m. the following morning. If the work cannot be completed during this time, contingency closures will be scheduled as needed through the end of the week.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight lane closures. The overnight closures are needed to provide a safe work zone for bridge beam installation and minimize the impact on local traffic. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, City of Elmhurst and Village of Hillside, as well as local fire and police departments.

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.

Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project information, including maps, construction updates and a Virtual Open House, is available on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

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.

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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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