



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) PROJECT**

*Month-long closure planned for Burlington Avenue in Western Springs*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A portion of Burlington Avenue north of Spring Rock Park in Western Springs is scheduled to close for about four weeks for retaining wall work as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Weather permitting, at 7 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022, Burlington Avenue between Waldo Erickson Drive, located inside Spring Rock Park, and Central Avenue is scheduled to close to traffic for about a month. Motorists will retain access to residences and business along the road, and access to Spring Rock Park will be available via the Elm Street entrance.

Construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures. The temporary closures are necessary to safely accommodate the removal of a temporary retaining wall. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#).

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating the work with the Village of Western Springs and the Western Springs Park District, as well as police and fire departments.

This work is part of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Bridge Project.

The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing the BNSF Railway Bridge, which carries the triple-track railroad over I-294 between Hinsdale and Western Springs, to accommodate the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway. The existing bridge will be replaced with a longer, wider two-span steel beam structure that will accommodate four tracks and will allow for reconstruction and widening of the Tollway underneath. The new fourth track on the bridge will be used for maintenance purposes by BNSF.

The work is part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. Construction information about the BNSF Bridge Project is available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

### **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.

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 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 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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