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**LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES, TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED ON 47TH STREET
FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION OVER CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**
Traffic reduced to one lane in each direction on 47th Street in Western Springs and Hinsdale

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin long-term lane closures and traffic shift on the 47th Street Bridge over the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) next week for the Pedestrian Bridge Project in Hinsdale and Western Springs. Delays are expected.

Beginning the week of April 4, all traffic on 47th Street between Princeton Road and Commonwealth is scheduled to be shifted onto the eastbound side of the road and reduced to a single lane in both directions.

The traffic shift will allow the Tollway to safely accommodate traffic and provide a work zone for the construction of retaining walls and assembly of the steel pedestrian bridge that will then be placed over I-294 and adjacent to the 47th Street Bridge when completed.

On I-294, traffic in this area is currently shifted for ongoing construction of piers and abutments for the new pedestrian bridge.

Traffic on both 47th Street and I-294 is scheduled to remain in this configuration through 2022.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the construction work zones and lane closures scheduled as needed on I-294 and 47th Street throughout the project. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

In coordination with the Village of Hinsdale, the Village of Western Springs and the Western Springs Park District, the Illinois Tollway is building a new pedestrian bridge over I-294 to maintain a convenient connection between Veeck Park and Spring Rock Park and community pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway Project. The pedestrian bridge is being relocated from its current location near Ogden Avenue to a new location adjacent to 47th Street selected by the villages.

The Illinois Tollway's construction schedule will ensure that local residents will continue to have access to a pedestrian bridge over I-294. The removal of the existing bridge near Ogden Avenue will be scheduled after the new pedestrian bridge adjacent to 47th Street opens to the public. The project is scheduled to be complete in 2023.



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 47th Street, a 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect. 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 10 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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