

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) FOR ROADWAY SIGNAGE WORK BETWEEN BARRINGTON ROAD AND HIGGINS ROAD Overnight repair and maintenance work on I-90 will continue into summer

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane closures are scheduled next week on the eastbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Barrington Road and Higgins Road as the Tollway begins repairs on overhead roadway signage. Delays are expected.

Work is expected to continue into the summer at various locations in both directions on I-90 between Barrington Road and Higgins Road for repairs to overhead signage structures. Lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone and maintain access for 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 <u>Daily</u> <u>Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of April 11, on eastbound I-90 between Barrington Road and Higgins Road overnight lane closures will be scheduled between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. with traffic reduced to a single lane at times.

In addition, in early May overnight closures and a detour will be scheduled on the ramp connecting northbound I-290/Illinois Route 53 to eastbound I-90 between midnight to 4 a.m. for one night. A detour will be posted routing traffic through the interchange ramps and onto eastbound I-90.

Additional closures will be scheduled in both directions on I-90 between Barrington Road and Higgins Road, including the closure of the ramp carrying West Central Road traffic to westbound I-90, to complete the work. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane at times during overnight hours.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) 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 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 reconstructing 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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