

# **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS**

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REPAIR WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94)
FOR ROADWAY, BRIDGE REPAIRS BETWEEN HALF DAY ROAD AND ATKINSON ROAD
Overnight and weekend lane closures anticipated on I-94 continuing through the end of the year

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** Repair work is scheduled to begin next week on the eastbound North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Half Day Road and Atkinson Road for maintenance of roadways, bridges and ramps along the corridor, with the Tollway scheduling the majority of work during overnight and weekend hours to reduce the impact to daily commuters.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane closures, which are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone and maintain access for traffic. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the <u>Daily Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of April 25, advance work to shift traffic will begin with nightly lane closures scheduled between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m., first on eastbound I-94 and then on westbound I-94. About one week of closures will be needed for each direction.

Once advance work is complete, traffic in both directions is scheduled to shift to the outside to allow for a workzone on the inside lanes. Most of the repair work will be completed during overnights and weekends, with additional lane closures scheduled as needed.

In 2022, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway, bridge and ramp repair work on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Half Day Road and Atkinson Road. Work includes pavement patching, shoulder repairs and guardrail improvements, as well as bridge deck, approach slab, superstructure and substructure repairs and sealing and bridge joint replacement. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

This work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Lake County, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments.

These roadway, bridge and ramp repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and bridges and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future.

Maps and construction information about the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) repair work is available in the Project's section on the Tollway's website at 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. On I-94, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect in the work zones.

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 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.