

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY FOR ROADWAY REPAIRS IN ITASCA AND WOOD DALE

Nightly, roadway and ramp closures planned this weekend, including at Irving Park Road, Prospect Avenue and Wood Dale Road interchanges

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Repair work is scheduled to continue this weekend on Illinois Route 390 Tollway mainline roadway and ramp bridge structures. The work will require nightly closures of four ramps at the Irving Park Road (Illinois Route 19), Prospect Avenue and Wood Dale Road interchanges, as well as lane closures in both directions on Illinois Route 390.

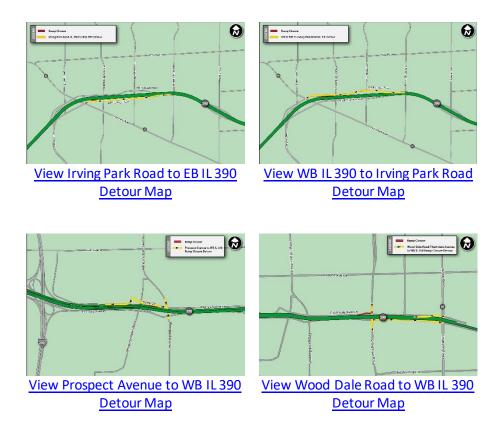
The temporary nightly closures are necessary to create a safe work zone for repairs to the mainline bridges in the area. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the <u>Daily Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m. traffic on Illinois Route 390 in both directions between Mitchell Road and Rodenburg Road and westbound between I-290 and Wood Dale Road is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane. In addition, the ramps connecting Irving Park Road to eastbound Illinois Route 390, westbound Illinois Route 390 to Irving Park Road, Prospect Avenue to westbound Illinois Route 390 and Wood Dale Road to westbound Illinois Route 390 will close with posted detours.

All of the ramps and lanes on Illinois Route 390, with the exception of westbound traffic between Hamilton Lakes Drive and Wood Dale Road, are scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. Saturday, July 16. The westbound lanes between Hamilton Lakes Drive and Wood Dale Road are scheduled to remain closed through the weekend, reopening by 7 a.m. on Monday, July 18.

Ramp detours will be as follows:

- Irving Park to eastbound Illinois Route 390: Traffic will be routed along the eastbound Frontage Road to Mitchell Road to access Illinois Route 390.
- Westbound Illinois Route 390 to Irving Park Road: Traffic will be directed to exit at the Mitchell Road and follow the westbound Frontage Road to access Irving Park Road.
- Prospect Avenue to westbound Illinois Route 390: Traffic will be routed along North Thorndale Avenue to Ketter Drive to access westbound Illinois Route 390.
- Wood Dale Road to westbound Illinois Route 390: Traffic will be routed along North Thorndale Road to the Busse Road Interchange to access westbound Illinois Route 390.



In 2022, the Illinois Tollway is repairing mainline and ramp bridge structures along the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between Gary Avenue and Lively Boulevard. Work is expected to continue into the fall at various locations in both directions on Illinois Route 390 and on exit and entrance ramps for bridge joint repair work. A total of 16 mainline and ramp bridges require repair work between Gary Avenue and Lively Boulevard, including 12 that will require detours. Closures will be scheduled as needed through fall to complete this work.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Illinois Route 390 Tollway 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* are on schedule and

within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-ofthe-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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