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OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST ON 47TH STREET AND CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PLACEMENT

Closures need to place pre-fabricated steel structure over I-294 in Western Springs and Hinsdale

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight lane closures have been rescheduled to August on 47th Street and the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) for work to construct the new pedestrian bridge over I-294 in Hinsdale and Western Springs.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane closures. The lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone and the work will be scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on drivers. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of August 8, work to assemble the pre-fabricated steel pedestrian bridge structure will take place in the work zone on 47th Street. To accommodate this work, traffic on 47th Street between Princeton Road and Commonwealth will be reduced to a single lane overnight, beginning at 8 p.m. Flaggers will be used to maintain bi-directional traffic. A second lane will reopen each morning by 6 a.m. Traffic in this area of 47th Street is currently reduced to a single lane in both directions and shifted onto the eastbound side of the road.

Following the bridge assembly work, two nights of lane closures on I-294 will be scheduled for bridge placement. Overnight lane closures including intermittent full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, will be scheduled on I-294 with one lane in both directions closing at 8 p.m., a second lane closing at 9 p.m. and a third lane closing at 10 p.m. The intermittent full closures will be scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning. Additional closures will be needed on 47th Street later this year to complete the work.

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.

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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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