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RAMP REOPENING, TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED
AT OGDEN AVENUE INTERCHANGE ON CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)
Local traffic returning to regular configuration through winter

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is preparing to return Ogden Avenue traffic to its regular configuration for winter and reopen the ramp connecting westbound Ogden Avenue to the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) as part of the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project.

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Friday, December 16, lane closures are scheduled to begin on Ogden Avenue between County Line Road and Grove Avenue to shift traffic with one lane remaining open in each direction throughout the day. Delays are expected.

Once the traffic shift is in place on Ogden Avenue, the ramp carrying traffic from westbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 will reopen. All lanes and the ramp are scheduled to open by 5 p.m.

All work is weather dependent and may be rescheduled to another date due to weather conditions.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the changing traffic patterns. Up-to-date closure and detour information will be posted on the Tollway website and in the [Daily Construction Alert](#).

Construction work, including landscaping and bridge protective shielding removal, is scheduled to continue over the winter. Overnight and off-peak lane closures will be scheduled as needed to complete the work, including a ramp closure and detour to remove the protective shielding.

Ramp work to complete the interchange reconfiguration is scheduled to resume in this area in 2023, along with lighting, drainage, signage and retaining wall work.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Hinsdale, Village of Oak Brook, Village of Western Springs, Cook County Department of Transportation, DuPage County Division of Transportation, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Oak Brook Park District, as well as local fire and police departments.

Information about the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

The Illinois Tollway is investing \$8.9 million to reconfiguring the Ogden Avenue Interchange to improve mobility and traffic flow for local drivers and Tollway customers. Currently up to 40,000 vehicles use the interchange daily with up to 33,600 vehicles traveling on Ogden Avenue in the area.

To accommodate the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway, the Ogden Avenue Interchange will be reconfigured from a cloverleaf design to a partial cloverleaf design. The Illinois Tollway is combining ramps on the east side of I-294 to create one signalized access ramp from Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 and the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue will be relocated with access control at the new traffic signal.

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Improvements on Ogden Avenue will include repairs and median reconstruction on the existing bridge over I-294. In addition, on eastbound Ogden Avenue a new left turn lane will be constructed to provide access to northbound I-294 and the merge lane will be extended to provide vehicles exiting the Tollway with additional distance to merge. The project also includes noisewall construction, drainage and lighting improvements and landscaping.

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 I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. On Ogden Avenue, a 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect.

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 152,000 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 planning for emerging projects, including 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.