



## Ogden Avenue Interchange Project

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

As part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project will provide improvements on Ogden Avenue and the bridge over I-294, as well as reconfigure ramps on the east side of I-294 to improve access and traffic flow.

In 2022, the Tollway will reconstruct the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue, as well as relocation of access from Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294, including construction of a new left turn lane on eastbound Ogden Avenue and installation of a new traffic signal.

Construction will begin in spring 2022 and ramp improvements are scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

To accommodate the 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.

In addition, work will include improvements to Ogden Avenue and bridge repairs. The project also includes noise wall construction and drainage and lighting improvements and landscaping.

### Ramp Reconfiguration

To reconfigure the interchange, the Tollway will remove the existing ramps that connect northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue and eastbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294.

A new ramp will be constructed to connect northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue. Access to northbound I-294 will be combined for eastbound and westbound Ogden Avenue via a new traffic signal, construction of a new left

turn lane and realignment of the ramp that currently connects westbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294. The existing ramp connecting eastbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 will be removed.

### Ogden Avenue

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.

### Customer Impacts

The Ogden Avenue Interchange will remain open to traffic during construction. Tollway will use traffic shifts and lane reductions when possible to maintain access, however temporary closures and detours will be scheduled as needed to safely accommodate construction work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

In 2022, ramp closures with posted detours will be scheduled, including long-term closures of the ramps connecting westbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 for four months.

On I-294, lane closures and traffic shifts will be necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction.

### PURPOSE

The Illinois Tollway is investing \$8.9 million for reconfiguring the Ogden Avenue Interchange to improve mobility and traffic flow for local drivers on Ogden Avenue 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.

Improvements at the Ogden Avenue Interchange area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and local communities including the Village of Hinsdale, Village of Oak Brook and the Village of Western

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Springs. The improvement is just one component of a future project to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow in the area. The Tollway also agreed to partner with IDOT to conduct an engineering study to evaluate a broader improvement at the I-294/Ogden Avenue interchange.

Improvements to the Ogden Avenue Interchange area are part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project, which 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

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that Ogden Avenue and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) remain 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. On Ogden Avenue and on I-294 work zone speed limits will be 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.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com).

## SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

## GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com) – Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com/illinoistollway) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.