



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ROBERTS ROAD AND 87<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN UNDER THE CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**

*Work will require traffic shifts and lane closures through the end of the year*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin work to reconstruct the Roberts Road and 87<sup>th</sup> Street intersection as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Local road and infrastructure improvements will include replacement of the existing pavement on the east side of Roberts Road and the north side of 87<sup>th</sup> Street as well as installation of new drainage, roadway lighting and traffic signals. Construction will also provide for new sidewalks and driveway approaches.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to traffic shifts and lane closures needed to complete the improvements. 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 April 10, on Roberts Road, southbound traffic will be reduced to a single lane and northbound traffic will be shifted with one through lane and one left-turn lane open to traffic. On 87<sup>th</sup> Street, traffic in both directions will be shifted with one through lane and one left-turn lane open to traffic in each direction.

Pedestrian access to the Pace Bus stops will be maintained throughout construction.

Traffic shifts and lane closures will continue as needed. The local roadway improvements on Roberts Road and 87<sup>th</sup> Street are scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Village of Bridgeview, City of Hickory Hills, Village of Justice, as well as local fire and police departments.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

In 2023, the Illinois Tollway is continuing work on southern section of the Central Tri-State Project between I-55 and 95<sup>th</sup> Street, which includes rebuilding and widening the roadway to five lanes in both directions, including construction of new I-294 bridges over I-55, Flagg Creek, 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Roberts Road, as well as reconstructing shoulders including adding Flex Lanes. This mainline work is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2023.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95<sup>th</sup> 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 both 87<sup>th</sup> Steet and Roberts Road, 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 11 years of *Move Illinois* are 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.

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