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WORK BEGINS TO REPAIR VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) BRIDGE OVER THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE (BNSF) RAILWAY

Overnight lane closures scheduled to begin next week to prepare for long-term traffic shift in both directions

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin next week as repair work begins to on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) bridge over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway in Downers Grove.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane closures and traffic shifts. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

During the week of Monday, May 8, overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in both directions on I-355 between Maple Avenue and Ogden Avenue to remove rumble strips and mainline bridge pavement. All lanes will reopen each morning ahead of rush hour traffic. About two weeks of overnight closures are anticipated.

Once that work is complete, traffic shifts are scheduled to be put in place in both directions between Maple Avenue and Ogden Avenue to create a work zone in the middle. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration into the summer.

In addition to traffic shifts, overnight, weekend ramp closures and detours will be scheduled this summer at the Maple Avenue and Ogden Avenue interchanges and on the ramp connecting Ogden Avenue to southbound I-355 and Maple Avenue to northbound I-355. Detours will be posted.

In 2023, the Illinois Tollway is repairing the I-355 mainline bridge over the BNSF Railway in Downers Grove. Work includes removing the existing asphalt surface, repairing the concrete bridge deck and joints and overlaying a new asphalt surface. Work is scheduled to be complete this year.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) repair projects are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) 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.

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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 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 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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