

# **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS**

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## LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK ON ROOSEVELT ROAD AT CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) IN HILLSIDE

Temporary lane closures needed for reconstruction of the I-294 bridge over Roosevelt Road

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** Temporary, daytime and overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin next week on Roosevelt Road under the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and will continue through August to accommodate reconstruction of I-294 and the bridge over Roosevelt Road in the Village of Hillside.

The closures are needed to provide a safe work zone and to accommodate drivers while work to reconstruct I-294 and the bridge over Roosevelt Road is underway. Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to ramp closure and detour. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's <u>Daily Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

During the week of July 17, lane closures are scheduled to begin on Roosevelt Road at I-294 and continue into August. Daytime closures will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and overnight closures will be scheduled between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning. At least one lane in each direction will remain open to traffic.

In addition, beginning the week of July 24 and continuing through August, 15-minute intermittent, full closures of Roosevelt Road during overnight hours will be scheduled as needed between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. for bridge beam removal work.

Traffic on eastbound Roosevelt Road between Harrison Street and York Road is currently reduced to a single lane, and this lane closure is scheduled to remain in place through 2024.

In addition, ramp closures remain in place at the Roosevelt Road Interchange on I-294.

- The ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound Roosevelt Road is closed through 2023 with a posted detour routing northbound I-294 traffic to eastbound I-290 to southbound Mannheim Road to access westbound Roosevelt Road.
- The ramp from westbound Roosevelt Road to southbound I-294 is closed through 2024 with a posted detour routing westbound Roosevelt Road traffic to York Road and back onto eastbound Roosevelt Road to access southbound I-294.

Local road closures in this area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Elmhurst, Village of Hillside, Proviso Township, Village of Oak Brook and Village of Berkeley as well as local fire and police departments.

As part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, in 2023 the Illinois Tollway has scheduled reconstruction work on northbound I-294 between Roosevelt Road and St. Charles Road. Construction will include pavement removal and widening, as well as reconstruction of bridges over Roosevelt Road, the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290, Electric Avenue and on the ramp from eastbound Roosevelt Road to eastbound I-290. Improvements will also

include noisewall reconstruction, retaining wall, lighting, ITS, landscaping and drainage improvements. This work is scheduled to continue through 2024.

Information including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at <u>www.illinoistollway.com [illinoistollway.com]</u> in the Projects section.

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.

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

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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