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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES AT ARCHER AVENUE FOR THE CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) PROJECT

Ramp closures with detours will be needed as part of ongoing asphalt overlay work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight ramp closures with detours on two ramps at the Archer Avenue (Illinois Route 171) Interchange on the Central Tri-State (I-294) Tollway are scheduled to begin this week and continue into September to complete construction of new pavement in the area. Detours will be posted.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to ramp closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

On Thursday, August 31, at 7 p.m., the ramp connecting westbound Archer Avenue to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close. A detour will be posted routing traffic via LaGrange Road and 95th Street to access southbound I-294. The ramp will reopen by 5 a.m. on Friday, September 1.



On Wednesday, September 6, at 7 p.m., the ramp connecting southbound LaGrange Road to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close. A detour will be posted routing traffic via 79th Street, Oak Grove Avenue, the northbound LaGrange Road ramp and Archer Avenue to access southbound I-294. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Thursday, September 7.



Both ramps are scheduled to close for two additional, alternating nights in September during the same hours. Detours and advance construction signage will be posted.

The mainline roadway widening on I-294 from I-55 to 95th Street is finished with five lanes and new shoulders now open both directions. Completion the roadway reconstruction requires surface preparation and placement of a final asphalt overlay and pavement markings, with work scheduled to be complete in summer 2024. The new composite-pavement design, including an asphalt overlay placed over jointed-concrete pavement, will create a smooth, long-lasting roadway.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Indian Head Park, Village of Burr Ridge, Village of Countryside, Village of Hodgkins, Village of Willow Springs, Village of Justice, Village of Hickory Hills, Cook County Department of Transportation, Forest Preserves of Cook County, 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 is available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

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 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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