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OVERNIGHT RAMP, LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON NORTH AVENUE, LAKE STREET UNDER THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) IN ELMHURST AND NORTHLAKE

Closures needed to safely accommodate bridge beam placement for Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight local road and ramp closures are scheduled to begin next week on North Avenue and Lake Street under the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to accommodate bridge beam placement on the Central Tri-State Tollway Project.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures and detours will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate bridge beam placement. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of December 4 and continuing through the week of December 11, overnight lane closures will be scheduled on North Avenue and Lake Street starting at 8 p.m. in both directions with traffic reduced to a single lane at times. Intermittent, full closures of the local roads, each lasting 15 minutes, will begin at midnight.

To accommodate the beam placement work, on northbound I-294 one lane will be closed nightly. In addition, on I-290 lane closures in both directions and 15-minute full closures of the ramp connecting westbound I-290 to eastbound Lake Street/North Avenue will also begin at 1 a.m. when overnight work is scheduled.

All lanes and ramps will reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning.

If bridge beam work cannot be completed during this time additional nights of closures will be scheduled as weather permits.

Ongoing overnight lane closures are scheduled to continue into 2024 on these roadways for construction associated with the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway and the construction of the I-490/I-294 Interchange.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, City of Elmhurst and City of Northlake, 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.

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.

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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.

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 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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