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GRAND AVENUE LANE CLOSURES AND DETOURS SCHEDULED UNDER THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) NEAR FRANKLIN PARK

Overnight closures needed to safely accommodate I-294 bridge beam placement

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight roadway closures and detours are scheduled next week on Grand Avenue underneath the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Franklin Park to accommodate bridge beam placement for reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway and construction of the new I-490/I-294 Interchange.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. Full roadway closures and detours are necessary to safely provide a work zone and accommodate traffic as the Tollway rebuilds the I-294 bridge carrying traffic over Grand Avenue. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

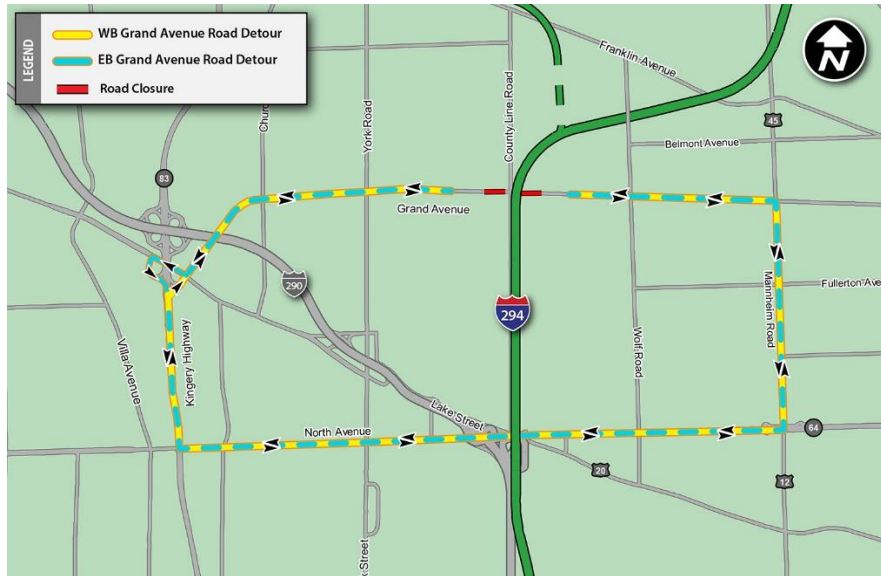
On Tuesday, June 11, and continuing until 6 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, lane closures in both directions will be needed on Grand Avenue between Northwest Avenue and County Line Road, with a full road closure and detours scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. Similar closures will be put in place the night of Wednesday, June 12, into Thursday, June 13, to complete the beam placement.

Detours for both eastbound and westbound Grand Avenue traffic will be posted during the overnight roadway closures:

- Westbound Grand Avenue traffic will be detoured south on Mannheim Road (U.S. Route 12/U.S. Route 45), west on North Avenue (Illinois Route 64) and north on Kingery Highway (Illinois Route 83) to access Grand Avenue at Lake Street (U.S. Route 20).
- Eastbound Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) traffic destined to Eastbound Grand Avenue will be detoured south on Kingery Highway (Illinois Route 83) via the Lake Street on ramp and then east on North Avenue (Illinois Route 64) and north on Mannheim Road (U.S. Route 12/U.S. Route 45) to access eastbound Grand Avenue.

On northbound I-294 at Grand Avenue, nightly single lane closures will be scheduled to move construction equipment in advance of, as well as throughout, the bridge beam removal work.

If bridge beam placement cannot be completed during this time, additional nights of closures and detours will be scheduled as needed.



Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, DuPage County, the City of Elmhurst, the City of Northlake and the Village of Franklin Park, as well as local fire and police departments.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the I-490/I-294 Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

In 2024, work will include completing the remaining retaining walls and bridges over Grand Avenue, the Union Pacific Railroad and North Avenue/Lake Street. In addition, work will include reconstruction of mainline pavement on northbound I-294 and completion of the flyover ramp from northbound I-294 to northbound I-490. The work is anticipated to be completed by early 2025.

The I-490/I-294 Interchange Project will improve travel and enhance mobility by providing access to and from the new I-490 Tollway and also the Illinois Route 390 Tollway. The project is estimated at approximately \$360 million and will include widening roadway bridges on and reconstructing a portion of the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and building a new interchange connecting I-294 and I-490. The project will deliver two new ramp bridges connecting I-490 to I-294. In addition, to accommodate the new ramps, in coordination with the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, I-294 will be widened and reconstructed, including reconstruction of bridges carrying I-294 over the Union Pacific Railroad, Grand Avenue and North Avenue/Lake Street.

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.

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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway 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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