



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RAMP WORK SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND ON I-290 INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Overnight lane and ramp closures with detours required

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), as well as closure of the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294, are scheduled this weekend for pavement and ramp bridge repairs. Electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detour for ramp traffic.

Weather permitting, beginning at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, on I-294, two southbound lanes between St. Charles Road and Roosevelt Road are scheduled to close to prepare for ramp repair work, with a third lane scheduled to close at midnight. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 12.

In addition, at 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close overnight and a posted detour will be put in place. The detour will route eastbound I-290 traffic to the Mannheim Road exit and direct drivers to immediately reenter I-290 westbound and then onto southbound I-294. The ramp is scheduled reopen by 7 a.m. on Sunday, June 12.



Up to 21,400 vehicles a day use the ramp. The ramp repairs are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Cook and DuPage counties, as well as local municipalities and fire and police departments.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and other area roadways remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway 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 will be in effect.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- www.illinoistollway.com – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- www.twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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