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RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT DIXIE HIGHWAY ON THE SOUTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) FOR PAVEMENT WORK

Ramp closure, detour needed for roadway improvement project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A temporary closure of the ramp connecting the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to Dixie Highway is scheduled to begin tonight, September 8, for ongoing roadway repair work on the south Tri-State Tollway. A detour will be posted.

In addition, ongoing resurfacing and pavement repair work is scheduled to continue overnight tonight, September 8 into Saturday, September 9, with a triple lane closure on northbound I-294 between the Bishop Ford Expressway and Thorn Creek and between Western Avenue and 159th Street.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures and posted detours throughout the repair work. The closure is necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction. All work is weather dependent.

Weather permitting, tonight, September 8, at 7 p.m. a week-long closure of the ramp carrying traffic from southbound I-294 to the Dixie Highway is scheduled to begin. During the ramp closures, a posted detour will direct traffic to continue on southbound I-294 to the Halsted Street exit where traffic will be routed north to 171st Street and then west to Dixie Highway. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. on Thursday, September 14.

In addition, nightly closures of a single lane along eastbound I-80 to southbound I-294 approaching Dixie Highway are scheduled to begin tonight, September 8, and continue through Thursday, September 14.

The closures are needed to complete pavement repair work on I-294 and the ramp, as well as shoulder repairs. Current information on these closures can be found on the [Daily Construction Alert](#).

In 2017, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway, bridge and ramp repairs on the South Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) from the Bishop Ford Freeway (Illinois Route 394) to 95th Street, including work at toll plazas, as well as roadway lighting, drainage, shoulder and guardrail work. This work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments.

Roadway, bridge and ramp repair work on the Tri-State Tollway is necessary to extend the life of the roadway and bridges and enable the Tollway to provide safe and convenient travel for customers. The work is part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Construction information about the [South Tri-State Tollway Repair Projects](#) is available in the "[Projects by Roadway](#)" section in the Explore Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the South Tri-State Tollway (I-94/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 55 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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:

- illinoistollway.com – Explore Projects section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

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 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first five years of *Move Illinois* is 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 planning for emerging projects, including 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 292 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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