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## **ROADWAY PATCHING WORK UNDERWAY ON THE SOUTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294/I-80)**

*Ongoing overnight and weekend lane closures anticipated throughout November to complete for roadway maintenance*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Traffic shifts and ongoing overnight and weekend lane closures will be scheduled through November on the South Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) between the Bishop Ford Freeway (Illinois Route 394) and Halsted Street to complete roadway maintenance work. Delays are possible and drivers are encouraged to plan additional time for travel.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place to alert drivers of traffic shifts and lane closures. The traffic shift and closures are necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction. All work is weather dependent.

Lane closures in both directions between the Bishop Ford Expressway and Halsted Street will include as many as three lanes closed at a time during overnights and weekends to accommodate pavement removal and installation and curing of concrete patches. The Tollway will reopen to four lanes in each direction during the daytime to accommodate commuter travel.

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.

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](http://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.

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. 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](http://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](http://travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times
- [twitter.com](https://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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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