

# **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS**

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## \*\*UPDATED\*\*

### WEEKEND RAMP CLOSURES, DETOURS RESCHEDULED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) AT ROOSEVELT ROAD INTERCHANGE

Ongoing lane closures needed for ramp repair work and improvements continuing through August

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight lane closures and weekend-long full ramp closures and detours, have been rescheduled to next weekend for ramp repair and improvements at the Roosevelt Road Interchange on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) in Lombard.

In 2024, work at the Roosevelt Road Interchange will include ramp repairs with concrete pavement patching, crack sealing, asphalt shoulder surface removal and replacement scheduled, as well as toll plaza improvements. Work at the Roosevelt Road Interchange is scheduled to be complete in August.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the <u>Daily</u> <u>Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

During the weekend of June 7, the ramps connecting northbound I-355 to Roosevelt Road and Roosevelt Road to southbound I-355 are scheduled to close beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, June 7, through 5 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Detours will be posted during the duration of the ramp closures. See detour information and maps below.

If the work cannot be completed during this time, it will be scheduled over a subsequent weekend as weather permits.

In addition, construction to complete toll plaza improvements will be ongoing with daily/nightly closures as needed to complete that work.

The following detours will be posted during the June 7 weekend ramp closures:

- Northbound I-355 to Roosevelt Road: Traffic will be directed to exit at the North Avenue exit and then routed via Illinois Route 53 (Rohlwing Road/Columbine Avenue), DuPage Boulevard and Nicoll Way to Roosevelt Road.
- Roosevelt Road to southbound I-355: Traffic will be routed via Finley Road to Butterfield Road where traffic will be able to access southbound I-355.



Traffic on the ramps connecting southbound I-355 to Roosevelt Road and Roosevelt Road to northbound I-355 is currently shifted. The ramps are scheduled to remain in this configuration through June.

In 2024, the Illinois Tollway work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) includes repairs on the Roosevelt Road Interchange ramps and underpass lighting work on the ramp from northbound I-355/Ogden Avenue to westbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88). Additional work includes earth work at 127th Street, as well as pavement and drainage repairs, fiber optic improvements and roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation.

Construction in the area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Downers Grove, Village of Glen Ellyn and Village of Lombard, as well as local fire and police departments.

Project information, construction updates, maps and detour information for work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) repair projects are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at <u>www.illinoistollway.com</u>.

### Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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 and can include 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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