



Tollway Speed Limits

March 12, 2015



Today's Agenda

- ▶ **Background**
- ▶ **Recent developments allow Tollway to increase speed limits**
 - ▶ Tollway performs studies using new IDOT policy
 - ▶ State of Illinois passes new legislation
- ▶ **Recommended speed limit increases**
- ▶ **Next steps**

Traffic Operations Safety Committee

- ▶ **Cross discipline committee represents all departments and operations at the Tollway**
- ▶ **Meets monthly to discuss wide range of system performance to ensure safe and efficient travel for customers**



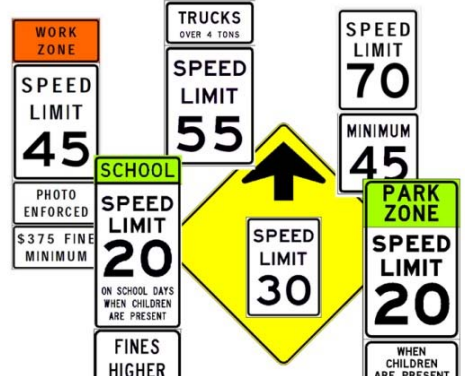


Speed Limit Background

- ▶ **Tollway Traffic Operations Safety Committee (T.O.S.C.) recommended review of speed limits in 2010**
 - ▶ Successful completion of open road tolling
 - ▶ Major segments of Congestion-Relief Program completed
 - ▶ Speed limit studies began in 2011
- ▶ **Illinois law raised maximum speed limit effective January 1, 2014**
 - ▶ Increased speed limits to 70 mph outside of Urban Districts for cars and outside of collar counties for buses and trucks.
- ▶ **Tollway raised speed limit for cars to 70 mph beginning January 2014**
 - ▶ I-90 west of I-39 Interchange (Cherry Valley)
 - ▶ I-88 west of Illinois Route 47
- ▶ **Tollway raised speed limit for trucks and buses to 70 mph beginning January 2014**
 - ▶ I-90 west of I-39 Interchange (Cherry Valley)
 - ▶ I-88 west of Kane County


Recent Developments

- ▶ IDOT adopts new “Policy on Establishing and Posting Speed Limits on the State Highway System” in January 2014
- ▶ T.O.S.C. directs review of all Tollway segments using the latest IDOT methodology
- ▶ Tollway’s Traffic Engineer completes speed limit studies across Tollway system (except I-90 due to construction and previous rural increases)



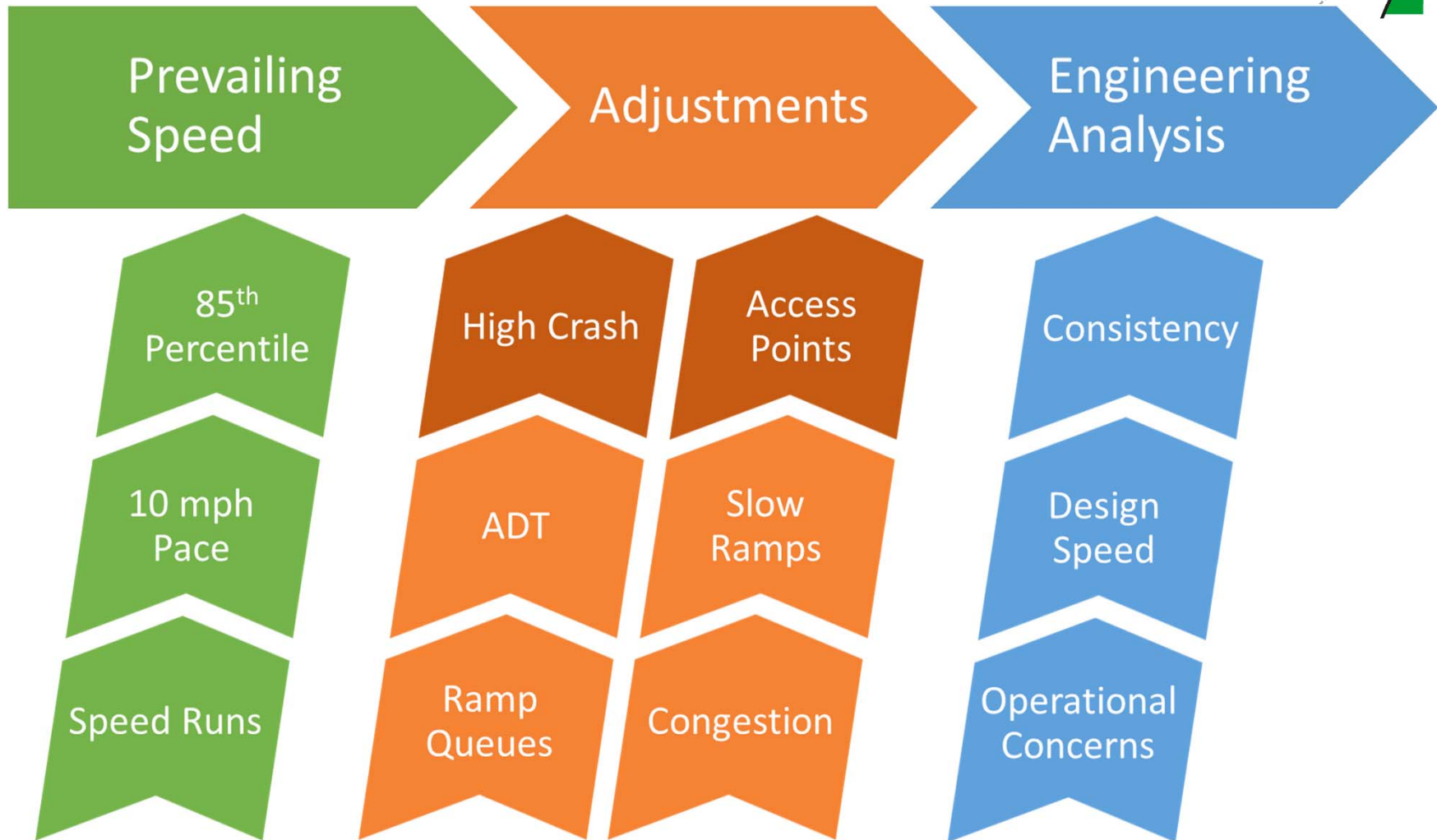
Policy on Establishing and Posting Speed Limits on the State Highway System

Effective January 1, 2014

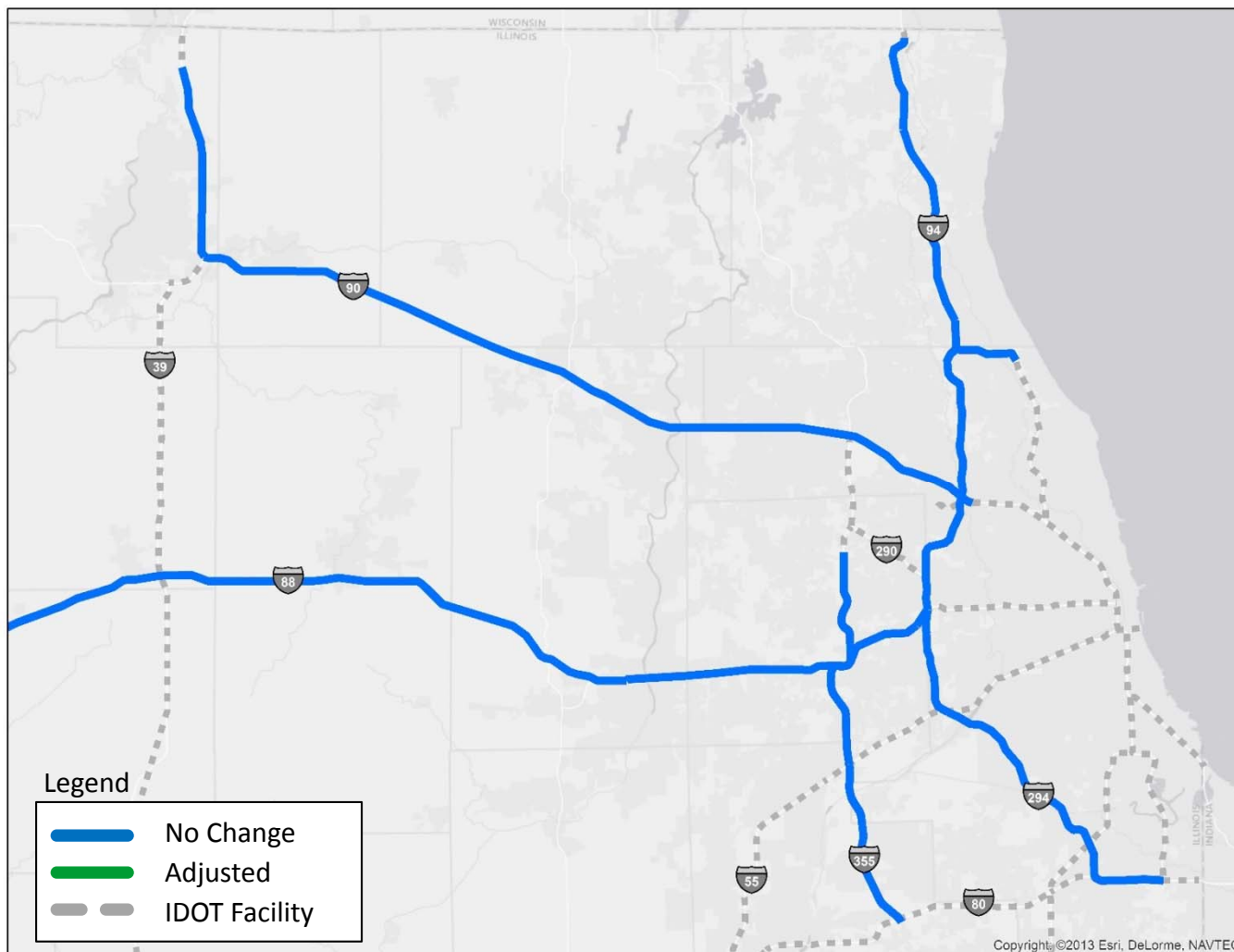


Illinois Department of Transportation

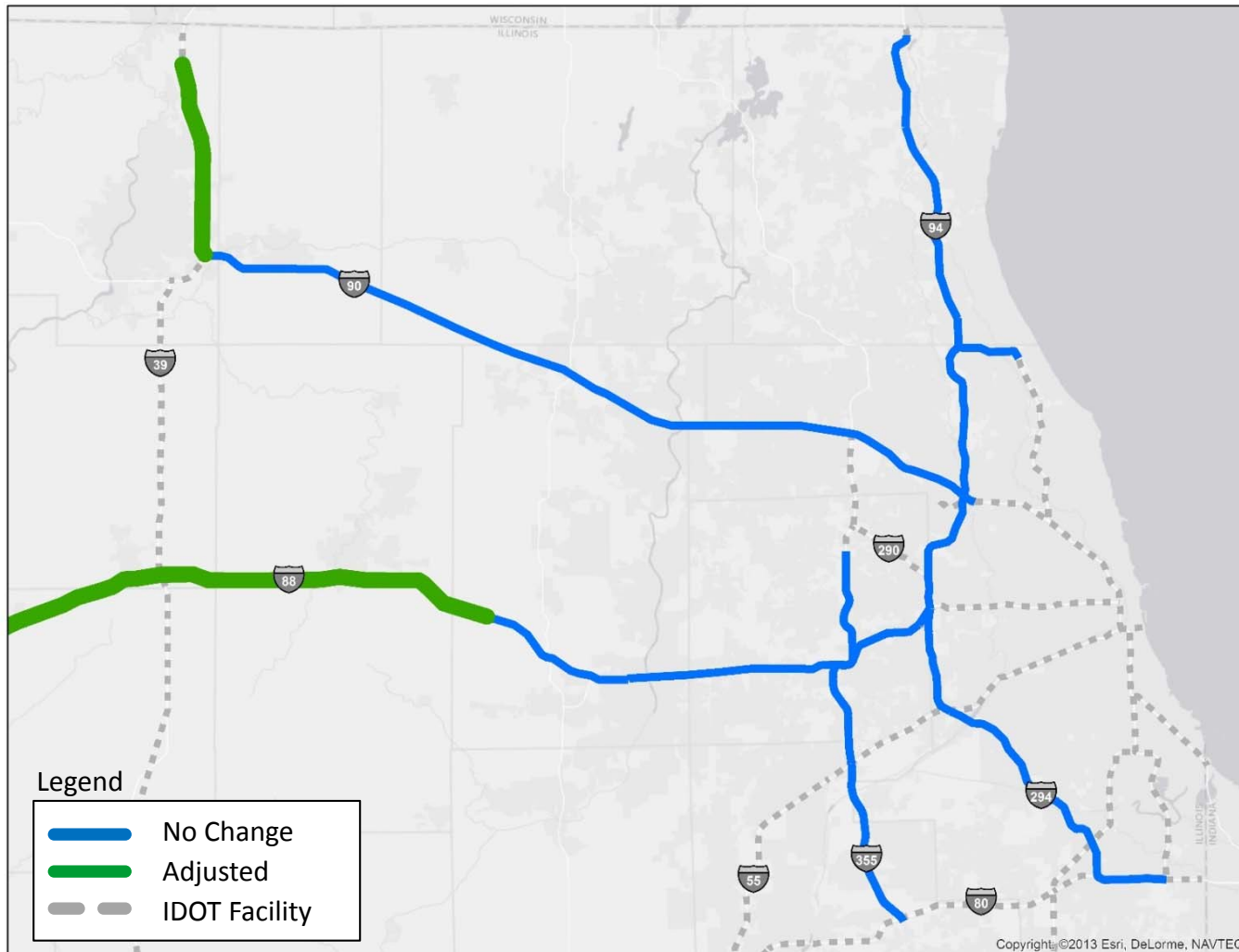
IDOT Methodology



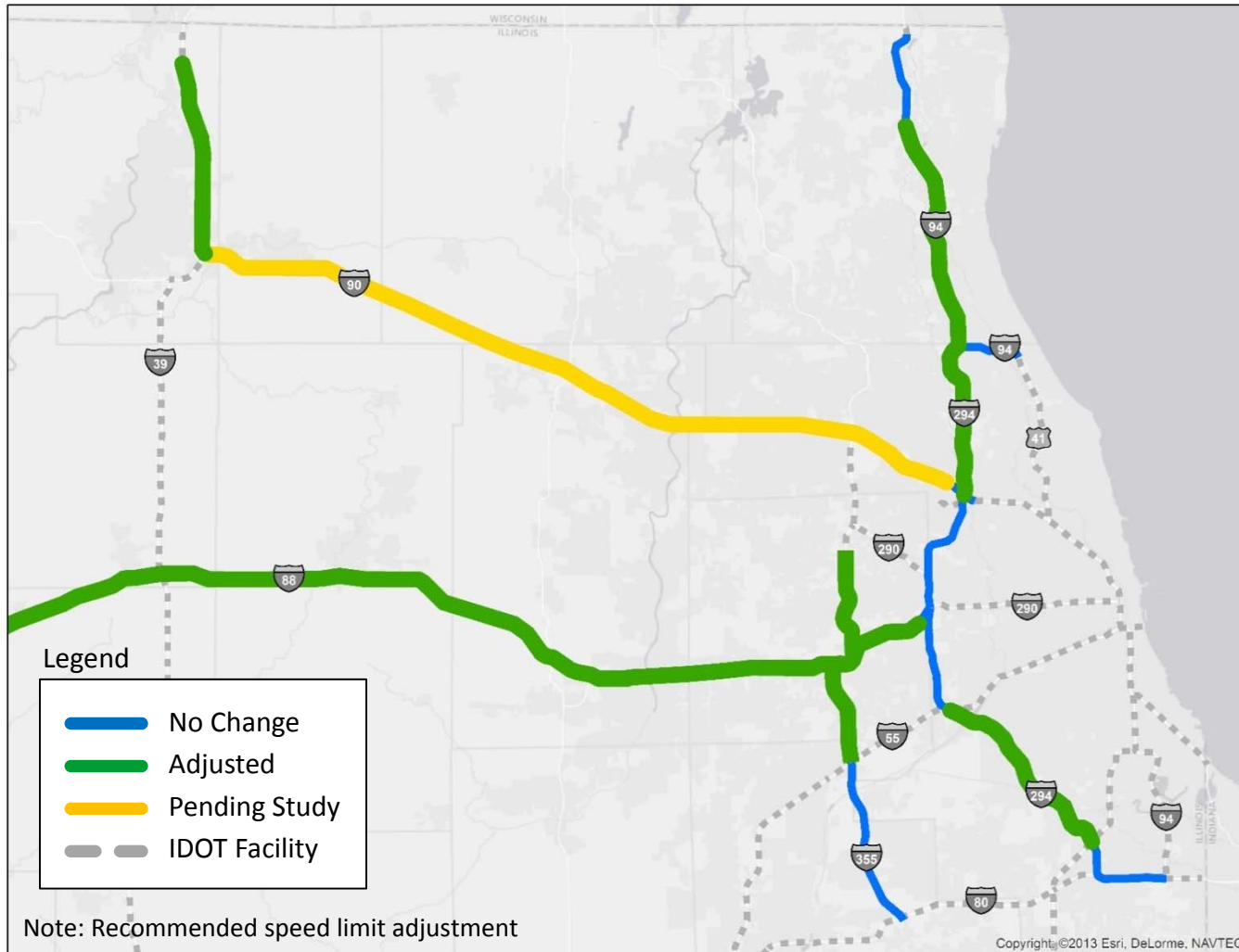
Tollway System – Prior to 2014



Increased Speed Limit Locations – 2014



Overall Speed Limit Changes

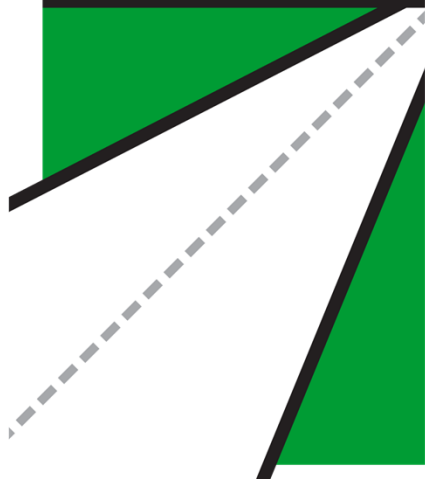




Next Steps

- ▶ **Board of Directors approve recommended speed limit increases**
- ▶ **Tollway sends recommendations to IDOT for concurrence and submits paperwork to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR)**
- ▶ **Tollway submits the rule change to the Secretary of State for publication**
- ▶ **Upon approval, the Tollway's Sign Shop installs new speed limit signs (anticipated summer 2015)**

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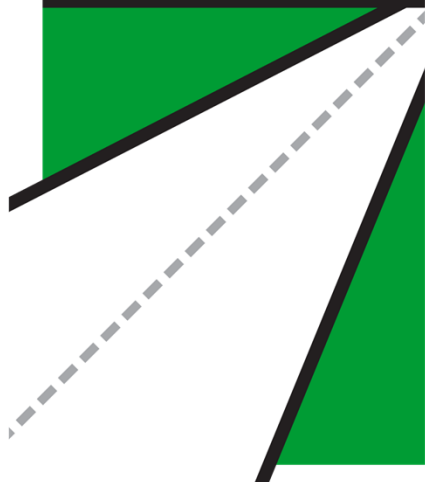


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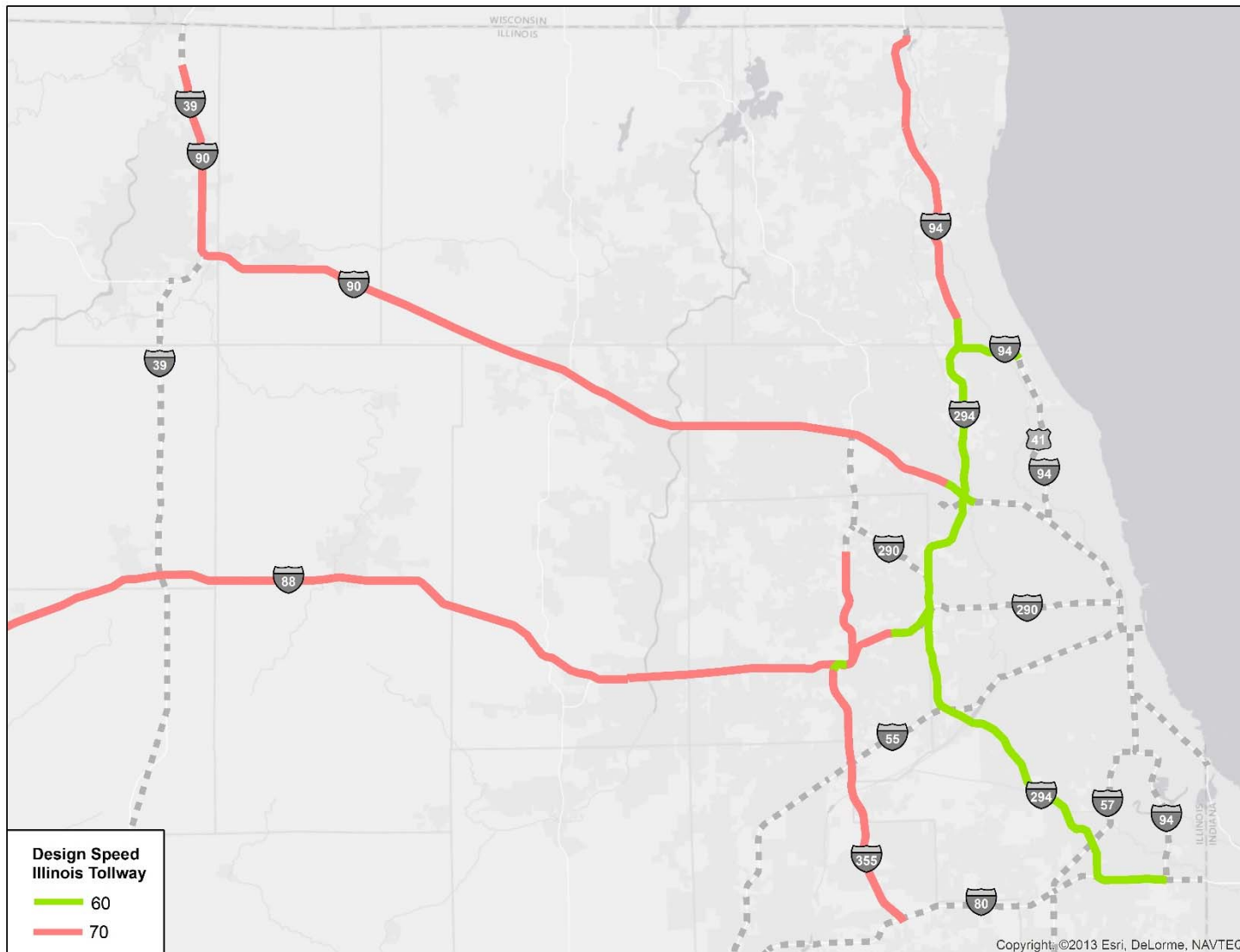


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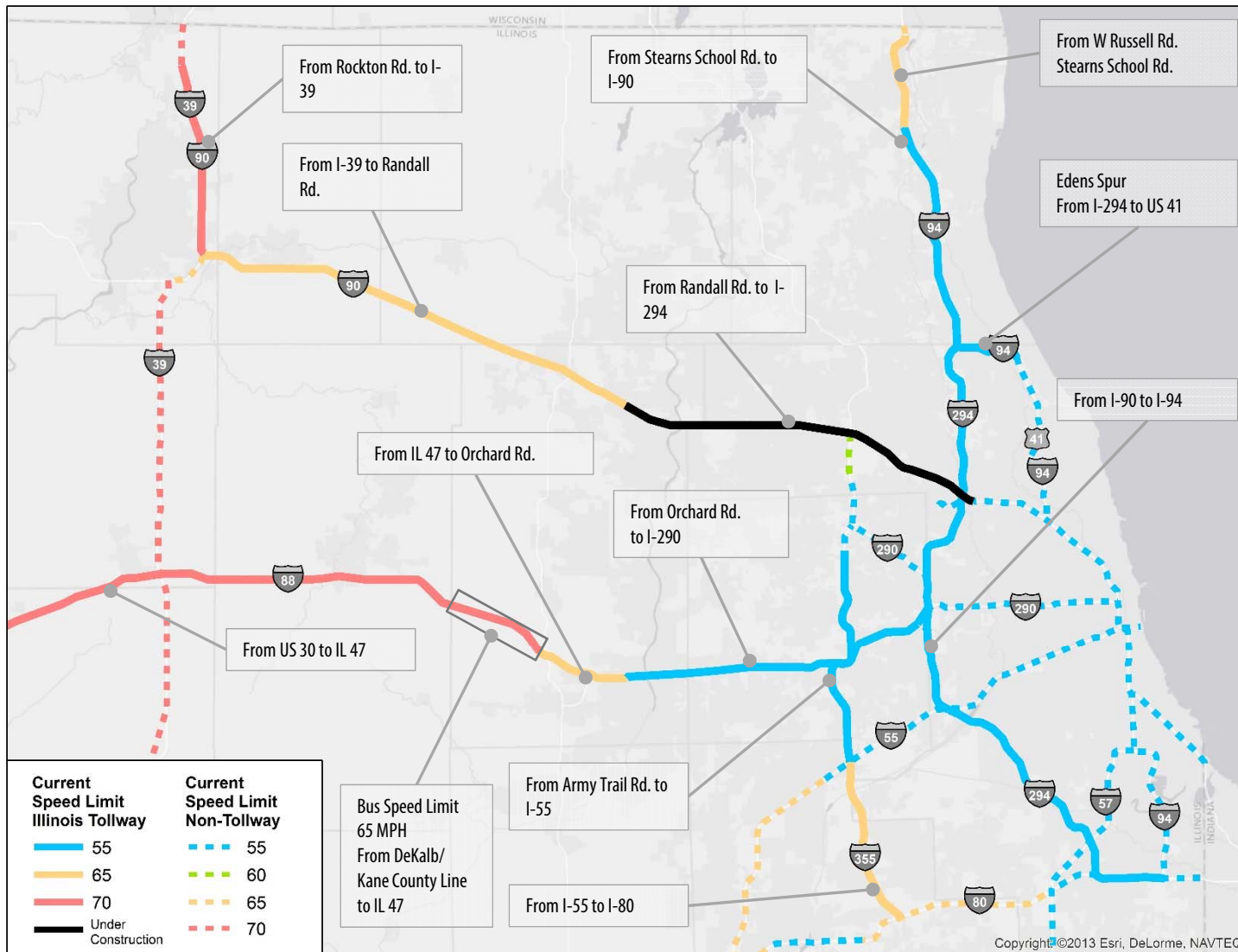
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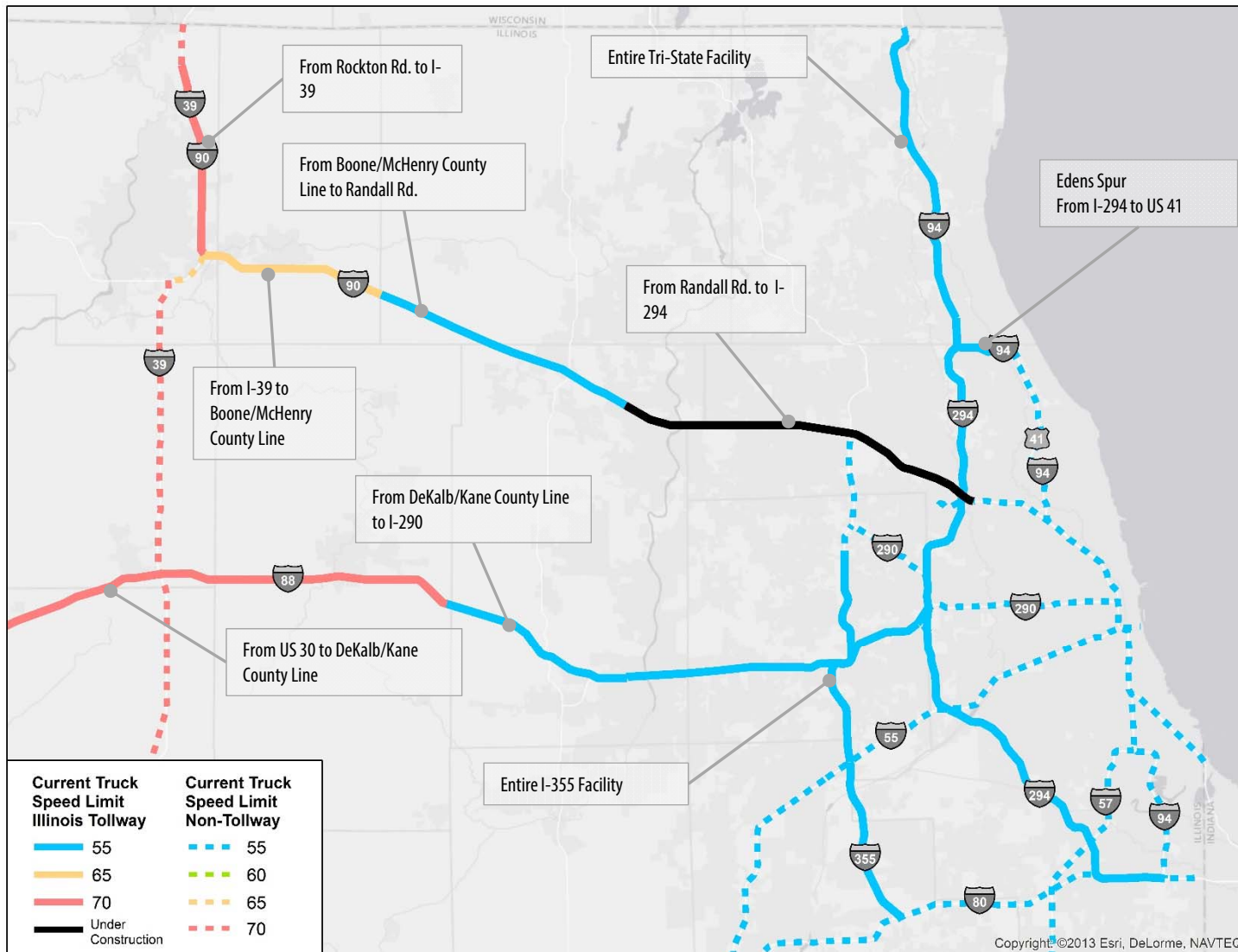
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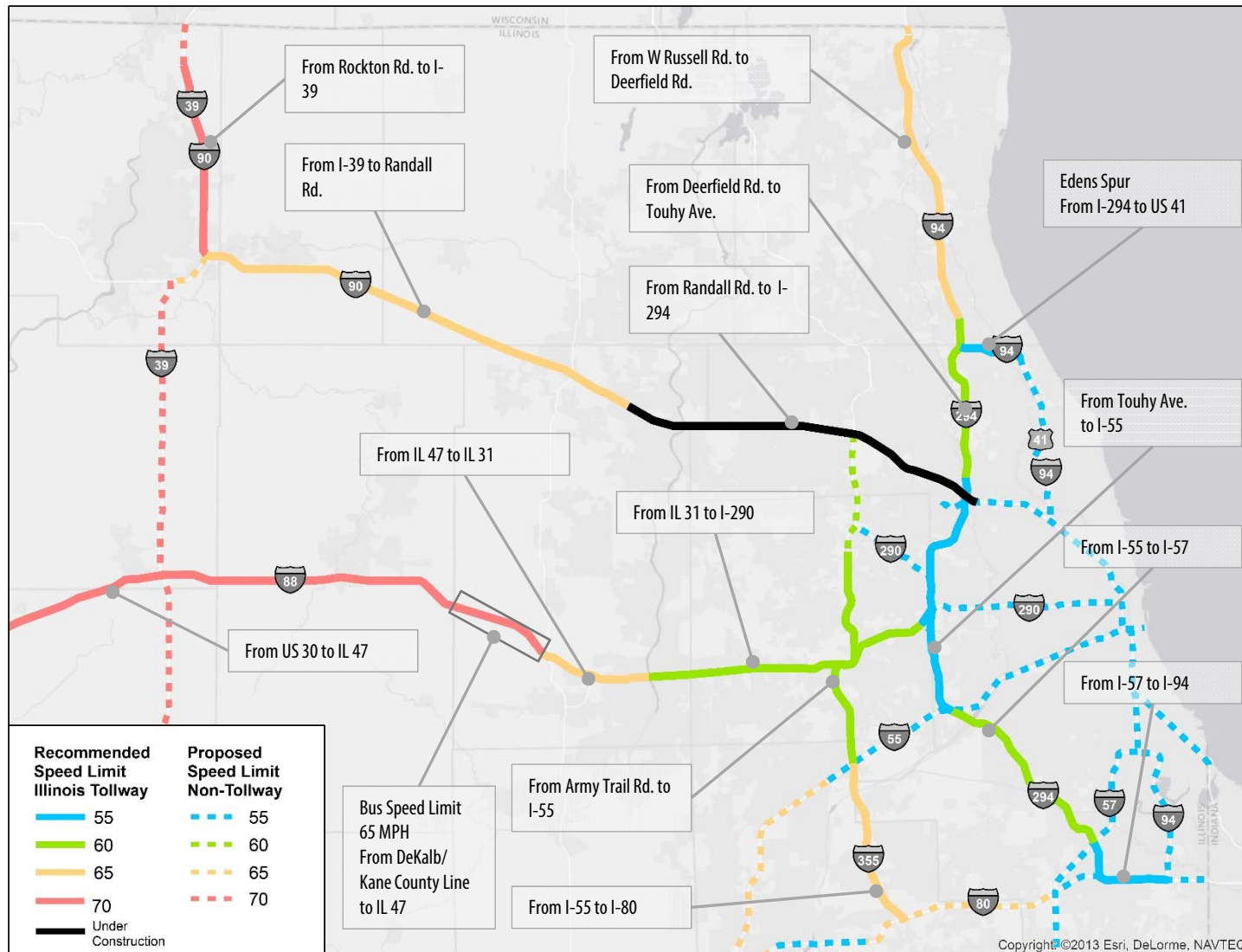
Current Speed Limit – Cars and Buses



Current Speed Limit – Trucks



Speed Limit Recommendations – Cars and Buses



Speed Limit Recommendations – Trucks

