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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK AT HALF DAY ROAD ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94)
Full closures needed for removal of the old toll plaza canopy and installation of the new toll collection monotube

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight closures of the ramp carrying traffic from Half Day Road (Illinois Route 22) to the westbound Tri-State Tollway (I-94) are scheduled this week for installation of a new monotube for toll collection at the ramp toll plaza. Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the closures.

While the ramp is closed, drivers can use the Lake Cook Road Interchange or the Townline Road (Illinois Route 60) Interchange to enter I-94.

Weather permitting, beginning Wednesday, April 15, one I-PASS or Pay Online lane at the toll plaza is scheduled to close at 8 p.m., with one automatic coin machine lane remaining open. I-PASS is accepted at this lane but drivers must come to a stop. The full ramp closure is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. to remove the old toll plaza canopy and install the new monotube and toll collection equipment. All lanes will reopen to traffic by 5 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, in advance of the morning rush hour.

A second night of overnight ramp closures following the same schedule are planned for Thursday, April 16, to complete the toll plaza improvements with all lanes scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. Friday, April 17, ahead of the morning rush hour.

Similar overnight ramp closures and long-term, single lane closures are also scheduled for the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-94 to Half Day Road later this spring. In addition, long-term, single lane closures will be scheduled at the toll plaza for pavement repairs and guardrail replacement later this spring. All work is scheduled to be complete this summer.

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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. Drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times.

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**Illinois Tollway Keeps Drivers Informed**

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- [www.illinoistollway.com](http://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 and travel information
- [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times
- [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

**About Move Illinois**

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, $12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O’Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Project, Illiana Expressway and other emerging projects.

**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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