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**WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355)
FOR BRIDGE JOINT WORK BETWEEN NORTH AVENUE AND ARMY TRAIL ROAD IN ADDISON**

Weekend repair and maintenance work on I-355 will continue throughout the summer

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane closures are scheduled this weekend on the northbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between North Avenue and Army Trail Road near Addison for bridge joint repair work. Delays are expected.

Weekend work is expected to continue through the summer at various locations in both directions on I-355 between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Road. In 2021, the Illinois Tollway is completing mainline bridge joint repair work, as well as median barrier removal and replacement, pavement repairs, roadway lighting and electrical work, as well as other minor miscellaneous work along I-355. The lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone and maintain access for traffic. In addition, the work will necessitate the overnight closures of several ramps at the Roosevelt Road and Army Trail Road interchanges later this summer. Detours will be posted.

“These types of repairs are necessary to keep the Tollway in good condition for years to come,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We work to limit lane closures to temporary overnight and weekend hours to minimize the impact of construction on daily commuters and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits.”

This weekend, lane closures on northbound I-355 between North Avenue and Army Trail Road are scheduled to begin Friday, June 11, at 7 p.m., and continue as needed into Monday, June 14. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane by 9 p.m. on Friday, and by noon on Saturday, June 12, two lanes are scheduled to be open to traffic for the rest of the weekend. All northbound lanes are scheduled to reopen by 6 a.m. on Monday, June 14, dependent on concrete curing.

During the weekend, June 18-20, closures reducing traffic to a single lane will be scheduled at other locations along I-355. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane closures. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

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.

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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 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 nine 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 reconstructing 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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