

THE CORRIDOR

The 84-mile-long Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) is the workhorse of the 294-mile Illinois Tollway system.

At the heart of the Tri-State Tollway is the Central Tri-State (I-294) from Balmoral Avenue to 95th Street. This 22-mile section carries the heaviest volume of passenger and freight traffic on the Tollway system, resulting in twice the amount of congestion delays when compared to the entire Tollway system. These congestion delays are estimated to cost drivers \$330 million annually in time and fuel.

The Central Tri-State plays an integral role in the region's economy, as the roadway is central to the region's transportation network connecting two airports, thousands of businesses and hundreds of thousands of residents and workers.

On April 27, 2017, the Tollway Board of Directors directed staff to expand the *Move Illinois* capital program by \$2.1 billion and advance a proposed \$4 billion recommended concept to improve the Central Tri-State.

PROPOSED PROJECT ASPECTS

- Update and upgrade pavement
- Integrate Flex Lanes
- Implement SmartRoad technology
- Widen where needed
- Reconfigure and improve I-290/I-294/I-88 Interchange to address bottleneck and congestion
- Improve I-55 Interchange to alleviate congestion
- New Interchanges to improve local access
- · Address local concerns regarding noise, aesthetics and quality of life
- New truck parking and freight access opportunities
- Regional stormwater improvements
- State of good repair corridor wide

PROPOSED PROJECT BENEFITS

Relieve congestion,

accommodate future growth and increase reliability

Peak hour trips
experience an average of
20% shorter
travel times

Create or sustain as many as **43,000 jobs**

Partnership opportunities with local agencies

Provide regional local road congestion relief

PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

2016 CORRIDOR PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT

Provided a broad vision for the corridor and shaped the master plan.

2017-2018 CONCEPT PLAN PHASE

Provides alternative analysis for corridor and includes advanced design studies, as well as community and stakeholder input.

2017-2022DESIGN PHASE

Refine design, continue local coordination, right-of-way process and begin utility relocation.

2018-2025

MAINLINE
CONSTRUCTION

