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**EDENS SPUR TOLLWAY (I-94) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK**

*Construction will require the full closure of all open road tolling lanes over two nights;  
work also scheduled on the frontage road near the Waukegan Road Interchange*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Roadway and shoulder repair work at the Edens Spur Toll Plaza is scheduled to begin next week as part of Illinois Tollway work to improve the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94).

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway is repairing the Edens Spur Tollway from Lake Cook Road to Pfingsten Road and will begin reconstructing the roadway from Pfingsten Road to the Edens Expressway. Repair work is scheduled to be complete summer of 2018. Reconstruction is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2020.

In June, work will include removing and replacing segments of the existing asphalt shoulders and pavement at the Edens Spur Tollway Plaza in both open road tolling and cash plaza lanes and resurfacing of the frontage road off of Waukegan Road.

During the week of Monday, June 11, work is scheduled in the cash plaza lanes with up to two lanes closed at a time.

During the week of June 18, both open road tolling lanes in both directions are scheduled to close overnight beginning at 7 p.m. All traffic will be routed through the cash side of toll plazas. I-PASS is accepted in all cash toll plaza lanes. One open road tolling lane in both directions will reopen by 6 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19. The second lane will remain closed to allow concrete time to cure. Similar closures are scheduled for overnight Wednesday, June 20. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by mid-morning on Friday, June 22.

Resurfacing work is also scheduled for late June on the frontage road near the Waukegan Road Interchange.

Toll plaza and frontage road work is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

The work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and the Village of Northbrook, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments.

Maps, construction and detour information about the Edens Spur Tollway repairs are available on the Tollway's website at [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway Map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

The Edens Spur Improvement Project will involve removing and replacing all the existing mainline asphalt pavement and repairs to concrete pavement, including replacing or repairing mainline bridges. Additional work includes replacing the Pfingsten Road Bridge, repairing the Waukegan Road Bridge

over the Edens Spur, constructing the barrier separated median with stormwater improvements and upgrading ITS and roadway lighting. All work is scheduled to be complete in 2020.

Originally constructed in 1958, the Edens Spur consists of two lanes in each direction with 4-foot wide inside shoulders and 11-foot wide outside shoulders and an open grass median. Up to 57,000 vehicles use the Edens Spur daily.

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) remain 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.

In addition, 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 \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 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.

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Travelmidwest.com](http://Travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times.
- [Twitter.com](http://Twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **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 six 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) and planning for 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 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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