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**LONG-TERM TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEKEND
ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355)**

Work zone traffic split in both directions creating an “express lane” between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Road

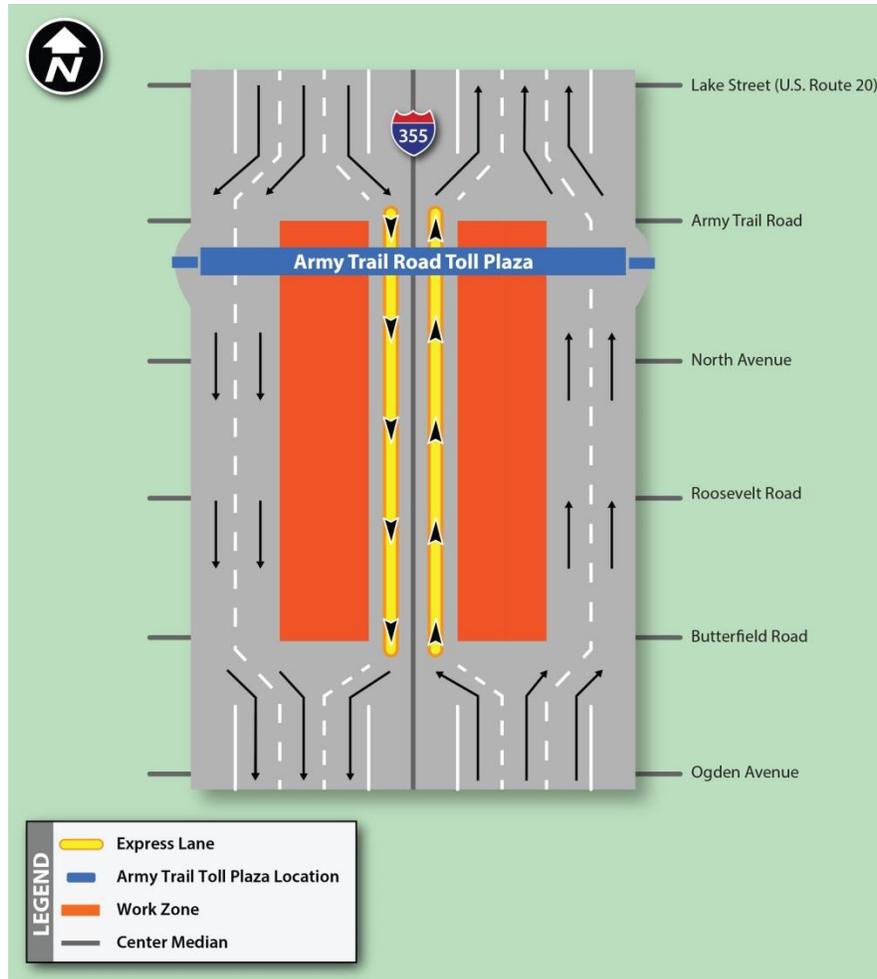
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Traffic shifts are scheduled to begin this weekend for ongoing roadway resurfacing work on the north end of the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) in DuPage County. A work zone traffic split in both directions will create a 9-mile express lane between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Road restricting access to exit ramps and cash lanes at the Army Trail Toll Plaza.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the new traffic patterns and work zone speed limits. Traffic is expected to remain in this configuration for about a month.

Weather permitting, on Saturday, July 14, between Illinois Route 53 and Butterfield Road, northbound traffic will be shifted to provide a work zone in the middle with two lanes on the right and one express lane on the left. Then during the week of Monday, July 16, the northbound lanes between Illinois Route 53 and Army Trail Road will shift. Once the shift is complete, northbound traffic traveling in the express lane on the left will not have access to exits between Butterfield Road and Army Trail Road, including Roosevelt Road, North Avenue and Army Trail Road, as well as cash lanes at the Army Trail Toll Plaza. Trucks are prohibited from using this lane.

Next week, southbound traffic is also scheduled to shift into a similar configuration. Southbound traffic traveling in the express lane on the left will not have access to exits between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Road, including North Avenue, Roosevelt Road and Butterfield Road as well as cash lanes at the Army Trail Toll Plaza.

Later this summer, the segment of I-355 between Butterfield Road and I-55 is also scheduled to shift into a split traffic configuration.



Roadway resurfacing work includes milling off four inches of asphalt pavement in both directions and replacing it with a new, four-inch asphalt overlay. Traffic will intermittently be driving on rough surfaces throughout the duration of construction.

During roadway resurfacing work on I-355 the Illinois Tollway is shifting traffic to provide room for a work zone and safely accommodate traffic. Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway, bridge and ramp work on throughout the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355). Between Army Trail Road and I-55, work includes resurfacing to provide a smoother riding surface for the traveling public, including widening of the roadway between Butterfield Road (Illinois Route 56) and Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38). In addition, roadway lighting, signage and guardrail improvements are scheduled, as well as retaining wall and noisewall work. All work is scheduled to be complete in summer 2019.

The improvements are funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information about the I-355 Roadway Resurfacing and Repair work is available on the Tollway's website at Illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that 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.

A variable work zone speed limit from 45 to 55 mph will be in effect in areas with construction on I-355. 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 – 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 – Real-time travel times.
- 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.