NORTH AVENUE (ILLINOIS ROUTE 64) INTERCHANGE PROJECT

North Avenue at the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is a heavily trafficked area surrounded by major employment centers, including the city of Northlake's industrial area. Currently drivers must use the congested I-290 Interchange at I-294 to access North Avenue which causes congestion at the interchange.

The project provides a new ramp from southbound I-294 to County Line Road to help reduce congestion at the interchange and on local roads. In addition, the North Avenue and Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) intersection will be reconfigured to improve traffic flow and provide new direct access to eastbound North Avenue.

The project also provides for drainage improvements to help alleviate flooding in the area during periods of heavy rainfall. Construction of detention ponds to hold stormwater and the installation of storm sewers will help address flooding along North Avenue.

The goals of the North Avenue Interchange Project are to improve access between I-294, North Avenue and Lake Street, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow on existing roadways within the project area. In partnership with the Illinois Tollway and cities of Northlake and Elmhurst, Cook County is leading the project’s design and will be constructing the project improvements.

KEY PROJECT BENEFITS

Traffic traveling from southbound I-294 to the area is expected to see:

- A decrease in travel times by **15% to 65%** including truck traffic
- A decrease in fuel consumption with an annual average **savings of $300**
- A decrease in average traffic by **10% to 30%**

Project information can be found in the Outreach section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com/outreach. Please email comments to 294tristate@getipass.com. 

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