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# NEWS

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## **WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON SOUTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**

*Weekend lane reductions planned for pavement repairs near the 163<sup>rd</sup> Street Toll Plaza*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Southbound lane closures are scheduled this weekend on the South Tri-State Tollway (I-294) for pavement repairs near the 163<sup>rd</sup> Street Toll Plaza. Delays are expected.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance. The lane closures are necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates pavement patching and maintains access for traffic. All work is weather dependent.

On Friday, May 3, lane closures on southbound I-294 are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. with traffic reduced to a single lane by midnight for overnight pavement patching work that will continue into the morning of Saturday, May 4. One lane will reopen by 10 a.m., but two lanes will remain closed through the weekend to give concrete time to cure.

Backups are expected. I-PASS is accepted in all lanes on the Illinois Tollway system and customers will have the option of using the cash toll plaza lanes to avoid the lane closures. In addition, customers will have the option to exit at the 147<sup>th</sup> Street, I-57 and 159<sup>th</sup> Street Interchanges ahead of the backups.

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the South Tri-State Tollway (I-294) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Construction 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.

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.

### **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

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and linking economies throughout the region. The first seven 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of 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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