



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **WEEKEND-LONG RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED FOR RAMP MAINTENANCE ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) AT ROOSEVELT ROAD**

*Closures needed for repair and resurfacing work, detours will be posted*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Extended ramp closures with detours are scheduled through this weekend for pavement repair and resurfacing work on the ramp connecting the northbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) to Roosevelt Road.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closure and detour. The closures are necessary to safely provide a work zone for resurfacing on the ramp. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway understands safety is just as important as access for drivers who use the Tollway to reach work and home, and we thank them for their patience,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “Closing the ramps allows us to safely complete this work in less time and minimize the inconvenience to customers.”

On Friday, June 21, at 9 p.m. the ramp connecting northbound I-355 to Roosevelt Road is scheduled to close to traffic through 6 a.m. on Monday, June 24, for repair work. A detour will be put in place directing I-355 traffic to exit in advance of Roosevelt Road at the Butterfield Road Interchange and use Highland Avenue to reach Roosevelt Road. In the event drivers miss the advance exit, a second posted detour will direct I-355 traffic to exit at the North Avenue Interchange and use Columbine Avenue to reach Roosevelt Road.



The repair work and detours are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County and local fire and police departments.

In 2019, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway, bridge and ramp work on I-355 between Army Trail Road and I-55. Work includes repairs to Boughton Road, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Butterfield Road, Hill Avenue, North Avenue and Crescent Boulevard. Repairs are also scheduled on the ramps at Army Trail Road, North Avenue (Illinois Route 64), Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38), Butterfield Road (Illinois Route 56), the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), Ogden Avenue (Illinois Route 34), Maple Avenue, 63rd Street, 75th Street, Boughton Road and I-55. All work is scheduled to be complete in 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](http://illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

### **Work Zone 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.

### **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) – Interactive Tollway Map for construction and live roadway images.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) – Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [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 seven 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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