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RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER ON NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94) AT DEERFIELD ROAD AND LAKE COOK ROAD

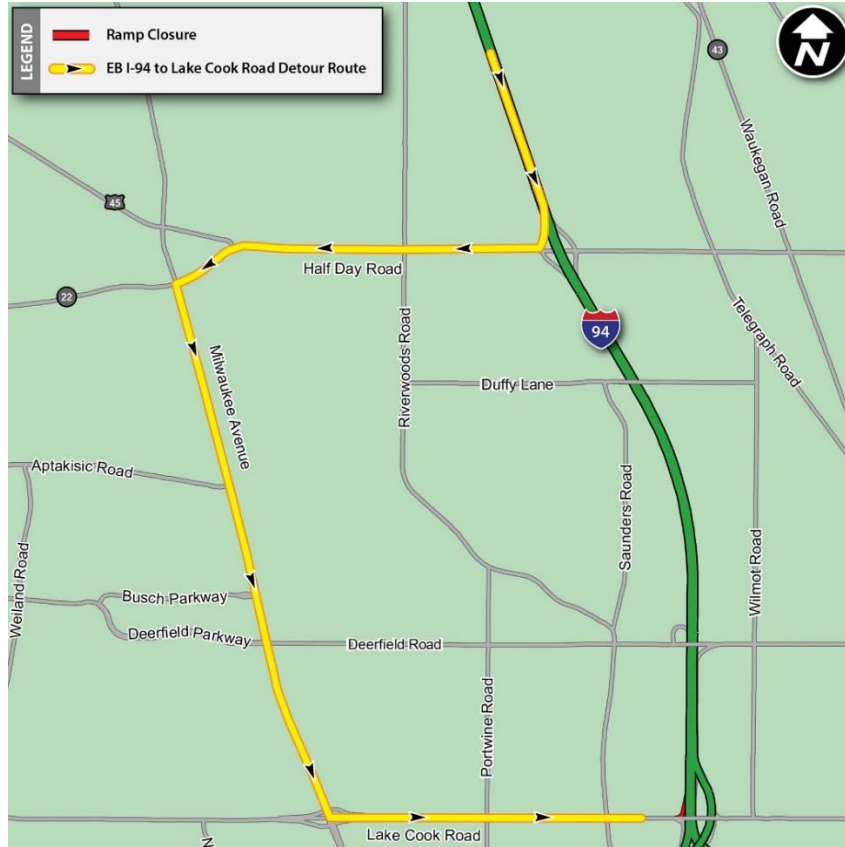
Nightly closures with detours needed to accommodate roadway repairs

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary ramp closures with posted detours are scheduled to begin next week at the Deerfield Road and Lake Cook Road Interchanges on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) to accommodate pavement resurfacing as part of ongoing roadway repair work.

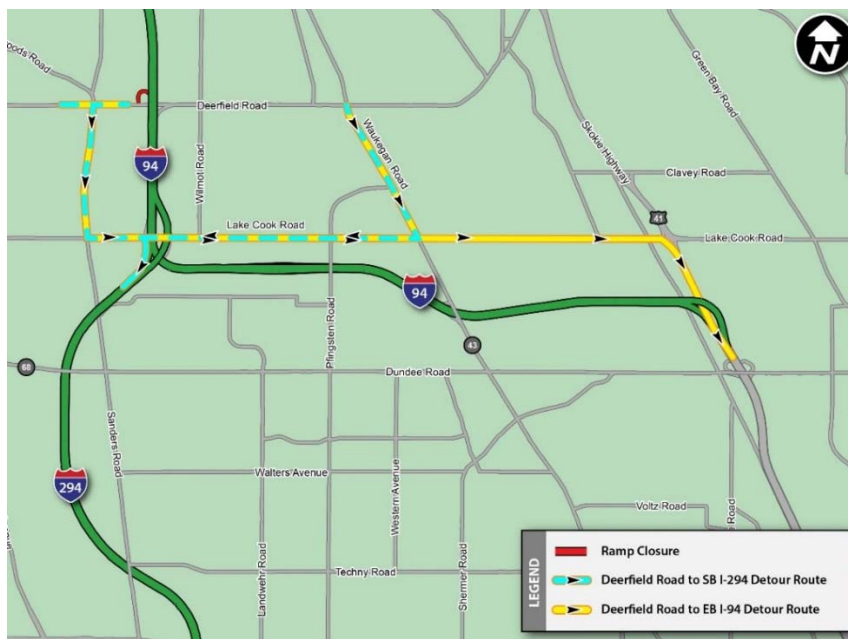
“The Illinois Tollway prioritizes the safety of both drivers and workers when planning for roadway maintenance and repairs,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “While roadwork detours are inconvenient for drivers, the closures are necessary to provide a safe work zone for construction workers and completion of the repair work.”

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

Weather permitting, beginning Tuesday, October 15, and ending Sunday, October 20, nightly closures are scheduled to start at 10 p.m. on the ramp connecting eastbound I-94 to Lake Cook Road. A detour will be posted directing traffic to exit at Half Day Road and travel west to southbound Milwaukee Road to access Lake Cook Road. The ramp will reopen each morning by 5 a.m. in advance of the morning rush hour.



In addition, beginning Monday, October 21, and continuing through Thursday, October 24, nightly closures are scheduled to start at 10 p.m. on the ramp connecting Deerfield Road to eastbound I-94/I-294. While the entrance ramp at Deerfield Road is closed, a detour will be posted directing traffic to Saunders Road and travel south to Lake Cook Road to access both southbound I-294 and the eastbound Edens Spur Tollway (I-94). The ramp will reopen each morning by 5 a.m. in advance of the morning rush hour.



In 2019, work is scheduled between Half Day Road and the Edens Spur and includes mainline, shoulder and ramp pavement patching and overlays. Construction will also include drainage improvements, noisewall and retaining wall repairs. Roadway lighting work is scheduled along the mainline between the Edens Spur and Duffy Lane. The repair work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

The repair work is coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Lake County, Cook County, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments and is scheduled overnight to minimize the impact to Tollway drivers. Up to 160,000 vehicles use segments of I-94 daily.

Maps, construction and detour information about the North Tri-State Tollway repairs are available on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway Map and in the Projects section.

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

Construction work zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7. On I-94, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 \$250. 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 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 21st 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.