



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY EXPECTS NEARLY 9.2 MILLION VEHICLES ON ITS SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND WEEKEND**

*Tollway offers services to make holiday travel less stressful*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway expects nearly 9.2 million vehicles to drive the Tollway system this Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 27, through Monday, December 2, as families and friends flock to grandma’s house for their annual feasts.

“To make Thanksgiving travel less stressful for our customers, their families and friends, we provide several travel services to make travel easier for drivers on our roadways,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Wednesday, November 27, through Monday, December 2, the heaviest travel is expected on Wednesday, when nearly 1.9 million vehicles are projected to use the 294-mile Tollway system. On an average day, more than 1.6 million vehicles use the Illinois Tollway.

### **[Offering you real-time road condition updates](#)**

Whether the trip is short or long, drivers can check out Traveler Quick Links on the Tollway’s website to sign up for and access Tollway Trip Tweets with roadway incident information and weather conditions at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **[Sending roadside assistance when you need it](#)**

Drivers should call \*999 to get help from Tollway roadway maintenance crews or from Illinois State Police District 15 who patrol the Tollway system 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Motorist aid patrols stand ready to help stranded customers change tires, jump-start batteries, add coolant, dispense fuel, transport customers, move vehicles away from traffic and call for a tow truck.

### **[Making your I-PASS service go farther](#)**

Heading out of state? Tollway customers can use their I-PASS to pay tolls electronically in other states that accept E-ZPass, including Indiana and 15 other states that are part of the E-ZPass network. Or Tollway customers can also share the convenience of I-PASS by temporarily adding license plates of out-of-town family and friends and rental cars to their I-PASS accounts. Account holders can update their accounts online or by calling 800-UCI-PASS.

### **[Clearing the way for your trip](#)**

To accommodate holiday travel on the Illinois Tollway, construction activity will be restricted to better serve Tollway customers. Most temporary maintenance and construction lane closures will be suspended from noon on Wednesday, November 27, through 9 a.m. on Monday, December 2. Some work may continue behind barriers in existing construction work zones to keep work on schedule, so drivers are reminded to slow down and obey work zone speed limits.

### **[Keeping you safe with Illinois State Police](#)**

The Illinois State Police District 15 will be stepping up enforcement of the Move Over Law, as well as conducting roadside safety checks, alcohol countermeasure enforcement patrols, and special traffic enforcement patrols throughout the Tollway system. Troopers patrolling the Tollway will focus on

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enforcing fatal four violations, including driving under the influence, speeding, distracted driving and not wearing seat belts.

**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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