

# TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)/I-57 INTERCHANGE



## I-57 Interchange Project

### OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation, will begin work in 2019 to complete the interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57.

This final stage of work will build ramps providing access to and from Chicago, improving regional mobility that began with the completion of ramps providing access to and from Champaign in 2014.

The second phase of the project is scheduled to begin in the spring and to be completed by the end of 2022.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

To complete the I-294/I-57 Interchange, four new ramps will be built connecting southbound I-57 to I-294 and 294 to northbound I-57. As part of this work, the I-57 median will be reconstructed, and the I-57 mainline will be widened. This work includes earth excavation, drainage improvements, erosion and sediment control, retaining wall and bridge construction.

In 2019, work includes widening and reconstructing the I-57 median, constructing portions of the northbound I-294 to northbound I-57 ramp and associated drainage work.

### Customer Impacts

Lane closures and traffic shifts will be necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction.

Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled bridge closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

In 2019, traffic shifts will be needed on I-57 to accommodate center median work.

### PURPOSE

On October 25, 2014, the Tollway opened the highly anticipated I-294/I-57 Interchange – creating a vital connection between two major interstates in the Chicago Southland. For the first time, the new I-294/I-57 Interchange

provided motorists with access between I-294 and I-57 and at 147th Street. It created access from northbound I-57 to northbound I-294 and southbound I-294 to southbound I-57, including a new interchange at 147th Street.

Phase Two will improve travel by providing customers with completed access between the two interstates. The enhanced interchange will reduce congestion on local routes, enhance economic development and improve regional mobility. The all-electronic interstate-to-interstate connection better serves commuters and freight operators while opening access for local communities.

The I-294/I-57 Interchange Project is funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

### WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and I-57 remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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. On I-294, 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 \$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.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com).



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## BUILDING GREEN

The Tollway is committed to “Building Green” and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

## 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) – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://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.

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