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LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURE SCHEDULED ON EASTBOUND OGDEN AVENUE AT CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Lane closure required to complete Ogden Avenue Interchange improvements

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A long-term eastbound lane closure is scheduled to begin next week on Ogden Avenue over the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and continue through summer as part of the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project.

The lane closure is necessary for the removal of the old eastbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 ramp, which is needed to complete the reconfiguration of the interchange.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to lane closure on Ogden Avenue. Up-to-date closure and detour information will be posted on the Tollway website and in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning during the day on Monday, May 13, one eastbound lane on Ogden Avenue between County Line Road and Grove Avenue is scheduled to close. Eastbound Ogden Avenue will be reduced to a single lane at I-294. Two lanes on westbound Ogden Avenue will remain open for traffic. The lane closure is scheduled to remain in place through the summer.

Once the lane reopens, the new ramp carrying northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue is scheduled to open to traffic and the existing ramp will be closed and removed.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Hinsdale, Village of Western Springs, Cook County Department of Transportation, DuPage County Division of Transportation, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Oak Brook Park District, as well as local fire and police departments.

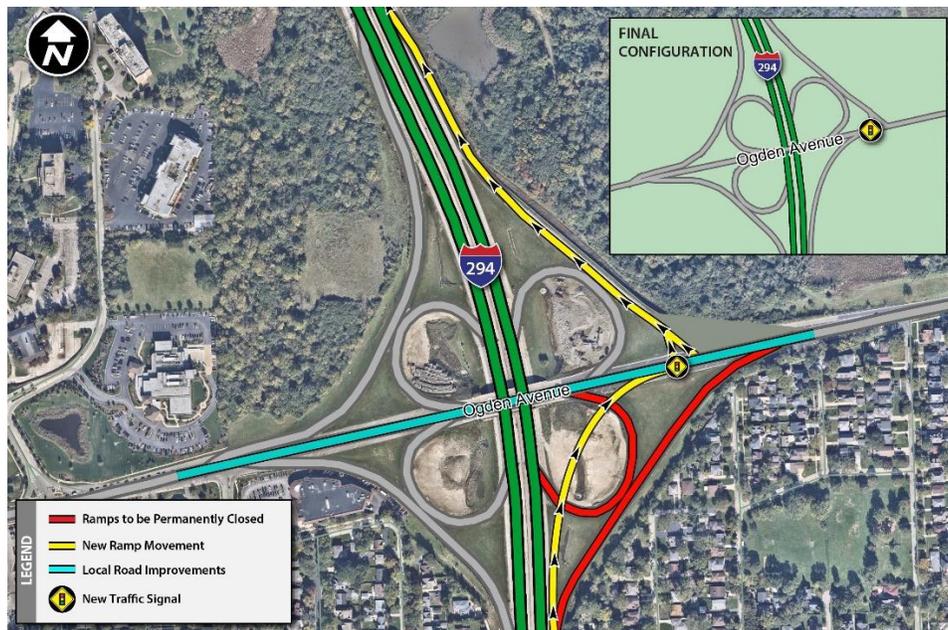
Information about the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

The Illinois Tollway is investing \$8.9 million to reconfigure the Ogden Avenue Interchange to improve mobility and traffic flow for local drivers and Tollway customers. Currently up to 40,000 vehicles use the interchange daily with up to 33,600 vehicles traveling on Ogden Avenue in the area.

To accommodate the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway, the Ogden Avenue Interchange is being reconfigured from a cloverleaf design to a partial cloverleaf design. The Illinois Tollway has combined ramps on the east side of I-294 to create one signalized access ramp from Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 and the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue is being relocated with access control at the new traffic signal.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

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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. On Butterfield Road, a 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect. 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 \$250 with up to a \$25,000 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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 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).

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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