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REPAIR WORK CONTINUES ON THE NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94)

Ramp closures this weekend and traffic shift scheduled to begin next week between Half Day Road and the Edens Spur Tollway for pavement repairs

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Work to shift traffic in both directions on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Half Day Road and the Edens Spur Tollway is scheduled to begin next week as part of ongoing roadway repair work. As part of the repair work in this area, temporary ramp closure with posted detours will be needed this weekend at the Deerfield Road Interchanges.

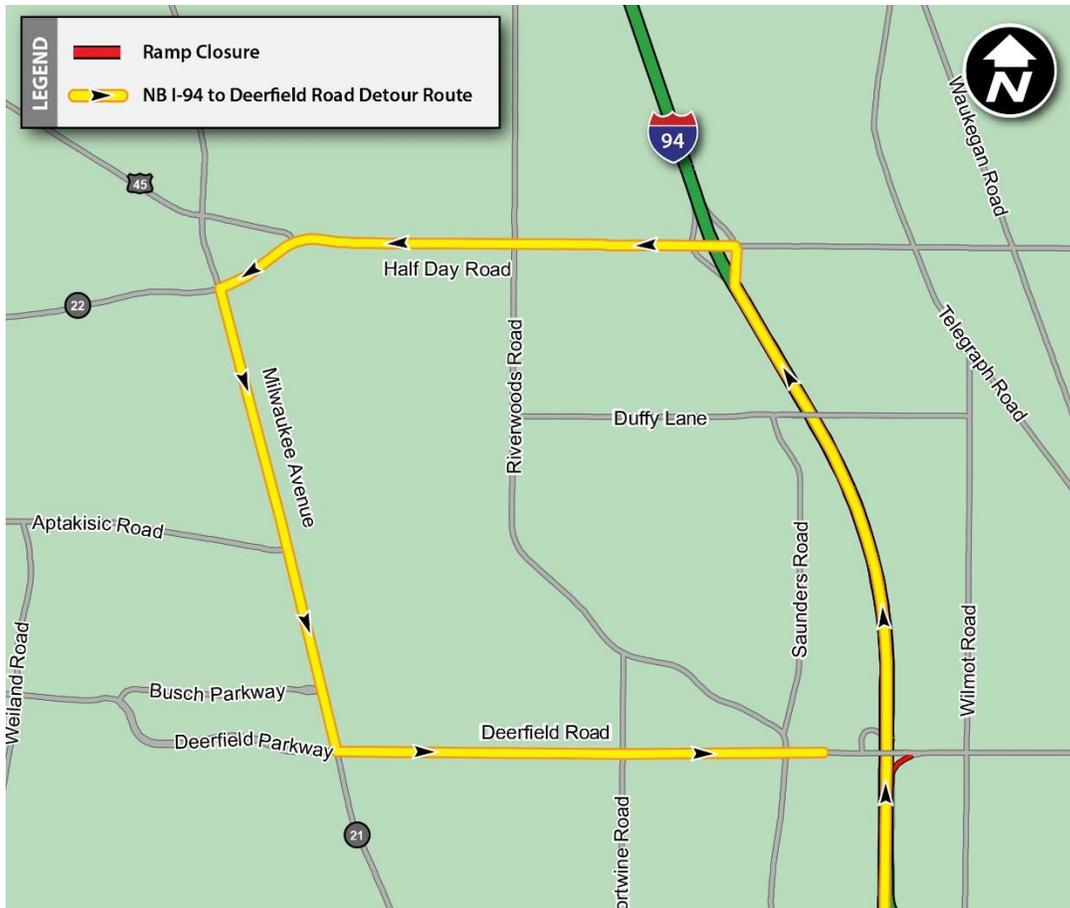
“The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of our overall commitment to roadway safety,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We ask drivers to be attentive in work zones by watching for changing traffic patterns and using caution, especially when workers are present.”

Currently, four lanes are available on I-94 with traffic shifted to the right to safely accommodate a work zone and traffic as repair work is underway.

Weather permitting, during the week of June 10, westbound traffic between the Edens Spur Toll Plaza and Lake Cook Road is scheduled to shift to the left. Once that is complete, eastbound traffic between Half Day Road and the Edens Spur Toll Plaza is scheduled to shift to the left. During the week of June 17, westbound traffic between Lake Cook Road and Half Day Road is scheduled to shift to the left.

All shifts are scheduled to be in place by the end of June, with traffic anticipated to remain in this configuration into fall.

In addition, overnight Saturday, June 15 into Sunday, June 16, the ramp connecting westbound I-94 to Deerfield Road will close for pavement repairs. A detour will be posted directing traffic west to exit at Half Day Road and travel south on North Milwaukee Road to access Deerfield Road.



Additional ramp overnight, weekend ramp closures with detours will be scheduled later this summer on the ramps connecting Deerfield Road to eastbound I-94 and eastbound I-94 to Lake Cook Road for repair and resurfacing work. Only one ramp will be closed at a time.

Electronic message signs and construction signage are in place in advance to alert drivers to the upcoming traffic shifts. All work is weather dependent.

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.

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 under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

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

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 \$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.

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.

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