



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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WEEKEND CLOSURES SCHEDULED AT ELMHURST ROAD INTERCHANGE ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

Ramp closures needed to safely accommodate pavement and signage work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Ramp closures will be scheduled this weekend at the Elmhurst Road Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closures and a posted detour. The ramp closures are needed to provide a safe work zone for the removal of temporary pavement along the ramp and landscaping, as well as signage 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 roadway detours are inconvenient for drivers, the closures are necessary to provide a safe work zone for construction workers and completion of the repair work.”

The ramp connecting southbound Elmhurst Road to the eastbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) is scheduled to close with a posted detour beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 29, and continuing through noon on Monday, June 1, for pavement work. The posted detour will route traffic from Elmhurst Road to Oakton Street, Wolf Road, Touhy Avenue and Lee Street to access eastbound I-90.

In addition, on the ramp connecting northbound Elmhurst Road to eastbound I-90, intermittent full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to begin at midnight on Sunday, May 31, and end by 3 a.m. on Monday, June 1, for roadway signage work. If the work cannot be completed during this time, similar closures will be scheduled for Monday night into Tuesday, June 2.



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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.

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 and can include 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.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- Illinoistollway.com – Projects section, live roadway images and work zone safety information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- 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.

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 eight 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) and planning for emerging projects.

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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