



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **WEEKEND-LONG LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON THE VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355)**

*Lane closures needed in both directions for pavement repairs*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Weekend lane closures, with traffic reduced to a single lane, are scheduled this weekend on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between I-80 and just north of 159th Street for pavement repairs.

Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the lane closures. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate repair work and allow the new concrete to cure. All work is weather dependent, and delays are expected.

“These types of repairs are necessary to keep the Tollway in good condition for years to come,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We work to limit lane closures to temporary overnight and weekend hours to minimize the impact of construction on daily commuters.”

Weather permitting, weekend lane closures will be scheduled to begin overnight Friday, July 17, and continue as needed into Monday, July 20. Northbound I-355 traffic between 159<sup>th</sup> Street and Fiddyment Creek and southbound I-355 traffic between U.S. Route 6 and I-80 are scheduled to be reduced to a single lane by 8 p.m. on Friday, July 17. In addition, lane reductions will be needed on the ramps connecting southbound I-355 to westbound I-80 and 159<sup>th</sup> Street to northbound I-355 beginning by 8 p.m. on Friday, July 17.

On I-355, traffic will be limited to a single lane in both directions and ramp traffic will also remain reduced through the weekend. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, July 20.

Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#).

### **Work Zone Safety**

Construction work zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7.

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. 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.

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**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* 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 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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