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OVERNIGHT RAMP AND LANE CLOSURE RESCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND ON ST. CHARLES ROAD AND I-290 AT THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Ramp closure with detour and temporary local lane closures needed for ComEd transmission line work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight closures on St. Charles Road, as well as on the ramps connecting westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road, adjacent to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) have been rescheduled for this weekend. Nightly ramp and local road closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate work related to the relocation of Com Ed transmission lines.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detours. All work is weather dependent. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alerts](#).

“The Illinois Tollway prioritizes the safety of both drivers and workers when planning for roadway work,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “While roadwork detours are inconvenient for drivers, the closures are necessary to provide a safe work zone for workers and completion of construction work.”

On Friday, August 7, beginning at 9 p.m. the ramp carrying westbound I-290 traffic to eastbound St. Charles Road is scheduled to close with a posted detour routing I-290 traffic to the exit for westbound St. Charles Road and then through the interchange ramps in order to continue east on St. Charles Road.

In addition, at 10 p.m. temporary full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, are also scheduled to begin on the ramp carrying westbound St. Charles Road traffic to westbound I-290.

On St. Charles Road, beginning at 8 p.m. single lane closures will be put in place in both directions between Arthur Avenue and Fair Avenue, with temporary, full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled to begin in both directions at 10 p.m.

The 15-minute ramp and roadway closures are scheduled to be complete by 7 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, and all lanes on St. Charles Road and the ramp from westbound I-290 to eastbound St. Charles Road are scheduled to reopen by 9 a.m.

Similar closures and detours will be scheduled overnight Saturday, August 8, into Sunday, August 9.

If the work cannot be completed during this time, backup closures are scheduled during the week of August 10 with similar hours.



Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Village of Berkley, as well as local fire and police departments.

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 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

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 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 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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