



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **OVERNIGHT RAMP AND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) AT I-290 FOR COMED WORK**

*Ongoing ramp closures with detours and overnight full lane closures  
continuing for ComEd transmission line work*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight ramp and lane closures are scheduled this weekend and next week at the I-290 Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to provide a work zone to safely accommodate work related to the relocation of ComEd transmission lines for Illinois Tollway construction. Delays are expected.

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](#).

Drivers can anticipate ongoing overnight ramp and lane closures continuing through the end of the year on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), as well as I-290 and some local roads, as ComEd continues to relocate transmission lines for Illinois Tollway's reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway.

"As part of the Illinois Tollway's dedication to safety, we are committed to prioritizing the safety of both drivers and workers during construction," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. "We understand the inconvenience that this approach to roadwork can cause, so we are always working to find ways when possible to reduce the impact of this disruption to our customers."

On Sunday, September 20, beginning at 11 p.m. in both directions on I-294 between Roosevelt Road and Butterfield Road double lane closures are scheduled to begin, with triple lane closures at midnight, followed by intermittent, full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled to begin after midnight. Also, at midnight, the ramp connecting westbound I-290 to northbound I-294 is scheduled to close with a posted detour routing I-290 traffic via the Lake Street exit to northbound I-294. The ramp and lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, September 21.

If this work cannot be completed as scheduled, similar closures will be scheduled Monday night into Tuesday, September 22.

During the week of September 21, additional southbound lane closures will be scheduled during overnight hours. These closures will also include the closure of the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290, as well as the closure of the ramp from eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294. All lanes and ramps will reopen each morning by 5 a.m. ahead of rush hour traffic.

Detours will be posted as needed during the week of September 21, including:

- During closure of the ramp from southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290, traffic will be routed to westbound I-290 in advance of the exit for I-290 eastbound and then directed to exit at York Road, routed through the interchange and onto eastbound I-290.

- During closure of the ramp from eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294, traffic will be directed to the Mannheim Road Interchange and through the interchange onto westbound I-290 and then onto southbound I-294.



[View WB I-290 to NB I-294 Ramp Closure Detour Map](#)



[View EB I-290 to SB I-294 Ramp Closure Detour Map](#)



[View SB I-294 to EB I-290 Ramp Closure Detour Map](#)

Lane closures on I-290, as well as additional ramp closures, including the full close with detour of the ramp carrying northbound I-294 to westbound I-290, are scheduled for later in September. Additional closures will be scheduled as needed through the rest of the year.

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](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, 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 95<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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