



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) AND LOCAL LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED IN NOVEMBER FOR NOISEWALL AND SHOULDER REPAIRS

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Extended lane and shoulder closures are scheduled on the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Devon Avenue and Higgins Road for shoulders repairs and work to repair and install noisewalls and retaining walls.

Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the lane closures. The traffic reduction is necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate construction. All work is weather dependent.

“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 will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on our customers and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits.”

On Monday, November 2, beginning at 8 a.m., on southbound I-294 the outside lane between Devon Avenue and Higgins Road is scheduled to close through November. Shoulders in this area are already closed. Three lanes will remain open to traffic during construction.

Off-peak daytime closures on Devon Avenue also will be scheduled as needed during this time. Additional work will be scheduled over the Union Pacific Railroad between Golf Road and Central Road later this year. All work is scheduled for completion in spring of 2021.

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

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency’s overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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.

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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