



## Edens Spur Improvement Project

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) from Pfingsten Road to the Edens Expressway. The project will remove and replace all the existing mainline asphalt pavement and includes replacing the mainline bridges. Additional work includes replacing the Pfingsten Road Bridge, repairing the Waukegan Road Bridge over the Edens Spur, constructing the barrier separated median with stormwater improvements and upgrading ITS and roadway lighting.

Work began in 2018 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2020.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

In 2020, the Tollway is completing reconstruction of the Edens Spur in both directions, between the Union Pacific Railroad and the Edens Expressway. This work includes removing existing pavement and replacing it with new, full-depth asphalt pavement. Five mainline bridges will be removed and replaced as part of this work. Reconstruction of the Tollway between Pfingsten Road and the Union Pacific Railroad was completed in 2019.

This year work will also include replacing the Pfingsten Road Bridge over the Edens Spur Tollway. When complete, the new Pfingsten Road Bridge will feature a wider bridge deck to accommodate vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists traveling over the Edens Spur Tollway. To improve safety for pedestrian and bicycle access, the wider bridge will provide space for construction of a wider sidewalk on the northbound side of the bridge and a new barrier-separated path on the southbound side of the bridge to tie into a future multi-use path.

In addition, a new water main will be constructed under the Edens Spur at Pfingsten Road to provide a future connection between the Villages of Deerfield and Northbrook. Roadway repairs and water main replacement on Skokie Boulevard will also occur during the reconstruction of the Edens Spur bridges at this location.

### Customer Impacts

Lane closures and traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone for construction and safely accommodate traffic.

Reconstruction work will require traffic to be reduced to one lane in both directions for the duration of the work.

Pfingsten Road will be closed to traffic for up to six months while the existing bridge over the Edens Spur is replaced. A detour will be posted.

### PURPOSE

The Edens Spur was constructed in 1958 with two lanes in each direction between the Tri-State Tollway and the Edens Expressway. These roadway repairs and reconstruction are needed to extend the life of the existing roadway and provide a smooth driving surface, as well as safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Up to 57,000 vehicles use the Edens Spur daily.

The \$109.1 million project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and the Villages of Northbrook and Deerfield, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments.

### WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Edens Spur remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect in areas with construction on the Edens Spur Tollway.

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



Updated 3/3/20

For more information,  
visit [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) or call 1-800-TOLL-FYI



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.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com).

### **GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION**

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

- [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com) – Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://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.