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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY EXPECTS NEARLY 8 MILLION VEHICLES ON ITS SYSTEM THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Tollway provides travel tips to make summer road trips more enjoyable

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway expects nearly 8 million vehicles to kick off the summer travel season and drive the Tollway system this Memorial Day weekend from Friday, May 24, through Tuesday, May 28.

“We expect the heaviest travel on Friday, May 24, with nearly 2 million vehicles projected to use our 294-mile Tollway system,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “To make travel easy and safe, we remind drivers to follow a few basic travel tips when hitting the road this weekend or anytime over the summer.”

- **Take your transponder.** I-PASS can be used to pay tolls on the Illinois Tollway system and in other states that accept E-ZPass, including Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and 13 other states that are part of the [E-ZPass network](#).
- **Avoid distracted driving.** Stop at any [Tollway oases](#) to safely use cellphones for calling, texting and accessing mobile apps. It’s illegal for drivers to use any hand-held device when driving.
- **Get on your Waze.** The Tollway provides Waze with information on lane blockages, roadway incidents and the location of H.E.L.P. trucks.
- **Keep tabs on your tolls.** The Tollway’s [website](#) is fully accessible from mobile devices, providing access anytime, anywhere to I-PASS account information or pay unpaid tolls.

Holiday Work Zones

To accommodate holiday travel on the Illinois Tollway, construction activity will be restricted to better serve Tollway customers. Most temporary maintenance and construction lane closures will be suspended from noon on Friday, May 24, through 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28. Some work may continue behind barriers to keep work on schedule.

Areas where ongoing work zones may impact traffic include:

Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80)

- On the Edens Spur, between Pfingsten Road and the Edens Expressway, traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction.
- At the 159th Street Interchange, the ramps carrying traffic from westbound 159th Street to southbound I-294 and from northbound I-294 to westbound 159th Street are closed with posted detours.

Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)

- Between I-290 and York Road, traffic is shifted in both directions and access to I-290, Mannheim Road and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is restricted in certain lanes, so drivers need to pay attention to construction signage.

Illinois State Police Out in Full Force

The Illinois State Police District 15 will be conducting several roadside safety details and special Traffic Enforcement Patrols over the Memorial Day weekend throughout the Tollway system. Troopers patrolling the Tollway will also focus on enforcing fatal four violations, including driving under the influence, speeding, distracted driving and not wearing seat belts. In addition, they will be stepping up enforcement of the Move Over Law, also known as Scott’s Law, which requires motorists to change lanes or slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated.

Dial *999 for Roadway Assistance

Need help on the road? Tollway customers can call *999 to get assistance from Tollway roadway maintenance crews or from Illinois State Police District 15 while traveling the Tollway system during the holidays. Motorist aid patrols stand ready to help stranded customers change tires, jump-start batteries, add coolant, dispense fuel, transport customers, move vehicles away from traffic and call for a tow truck. District 15 troopers patrol the Tollway system 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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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