

### **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS**

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## WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) BETWEEN BRUCE ROAD AND SPRING CREEK

Northbound traffic reduced to a single lane and shifted onto the shoulder for electrical and pavement work

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** Lane closures are scheduled this weekend for electrical installation and pavement repair work for weigh-in-motion system replacement on the northbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between Bruce Road and Spring Creek. Delays are expected.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane closures. Extended lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone for the repairs. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the <a href="Daily Construction Alert">Daily Construction Alert</a>. All work is weather dependent.

On Friday, December 2, beginning at 7 p.m. lane closures are scheduled on northbound I-355 between Bruce Road and Spring Creek with traffic reduced to a single lane and shifted onto the shoulder by 8 p.m. All lanes and shoulders are scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. on Sunday, December 4.

A second weekend of similar closures will also be scheduled in December to complete the work.

In 2022, the Illinois Tollway is completing mainline pavement and weigh-in-motion system replacement work, as well as bridge joint repair, median barrier removal and replacement, roadway lighting and electrical work, and other minor miscellaneous work along I-355.

#### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) remains 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 152,000 jobs

and linking economies throughout the region. The first 10 years of *Move Illinois* are 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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