



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON NORTH AVENUE, LAKE STREET AND LOCAL ROADS UNDER THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) IN ELMHURST AND NORTHLAKE**

*Closures along with overnight frontage road and ramp detours needed to safely accommodate bridge beam placement for Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Nightly bridge beam placement work associated with the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is scheduled to begin this week and continue through September and will require lane closures on I-294, North Avenue, Lake Street under I-294 along with overnight closures on ramps and detours.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers when lane closures on North Avenue, Lake Street and adjacent ramps are scheduled and when detours of westbound Lake Street and the I-290 Frontage Road under I-294 are required.

Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate bridge beam placement. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning this week and continuing for two weeks, single lane closures in both directions are scheduled on North Avenue under I-294.

In addition, beginning this week and continuing through the end of September, overnight, intermittent full closures will be scheduled as needed on North Avenue and Lake Street under I-294.

When the overnight closures are needed, the ramp connecting westbound I-290 to eastbound Lake Street/North Avenue will be closed with no posted detour, and nightly detours of the I-290 Frontage Road and westbound Lake Street under I-294 will be required. See following detour map.

During the closures, the detour for I-290 North Frontage Road beneath I-294 will route traffic via Northwest Avenue, Grand Avenue and County Line Road, and the posted detour for westbound Lake Street will route traffic via Railroad Avenue and North Avenue. See following detour map.

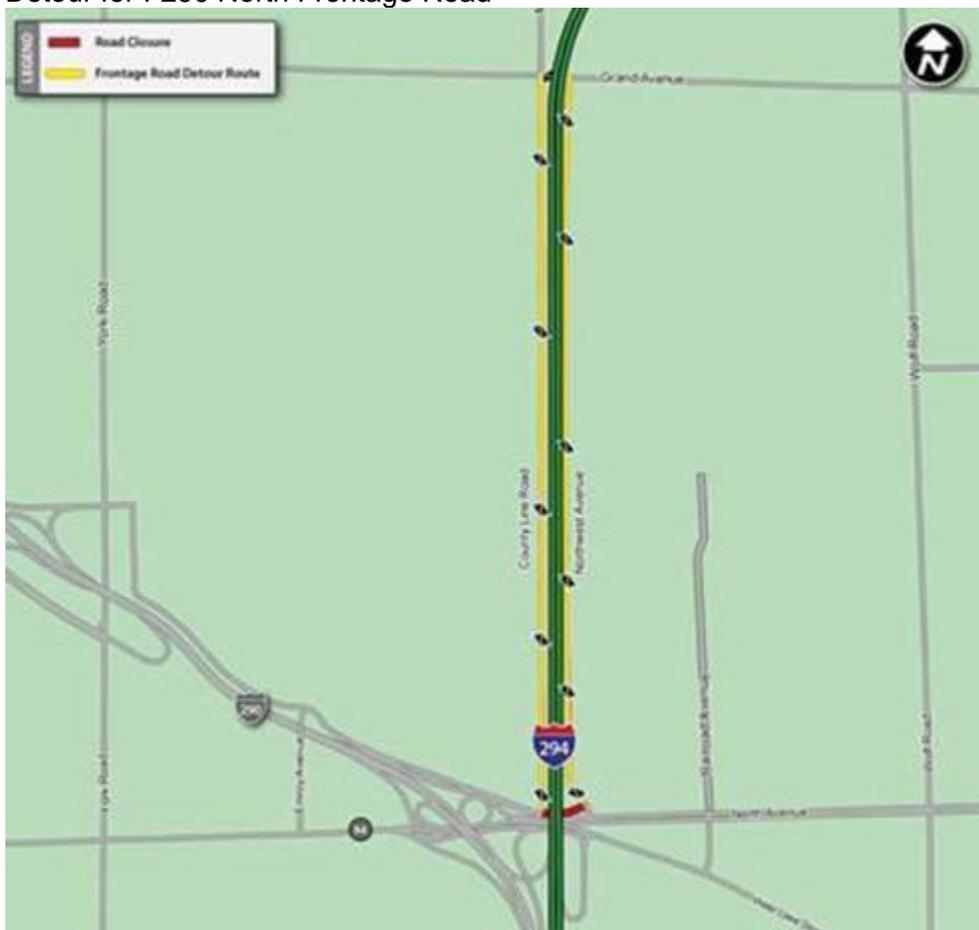
In addition, on the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294), one lane will be closed nightly during the bridge beam placement work.

Additional off-peak lane closures will be scheduled as needed on the Tollway and local roads and ramps to complete this work.

Detour for westbound Lake Street



Detour for I-290 North Frontage Road



Ongoing overnight lane closures are scheduled to continue over the next two years on these roadways for bridge removal and construction associated with the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, City of Elmhurst and City of Northlake, as well as local fire and police departments.

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).

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 nine 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.