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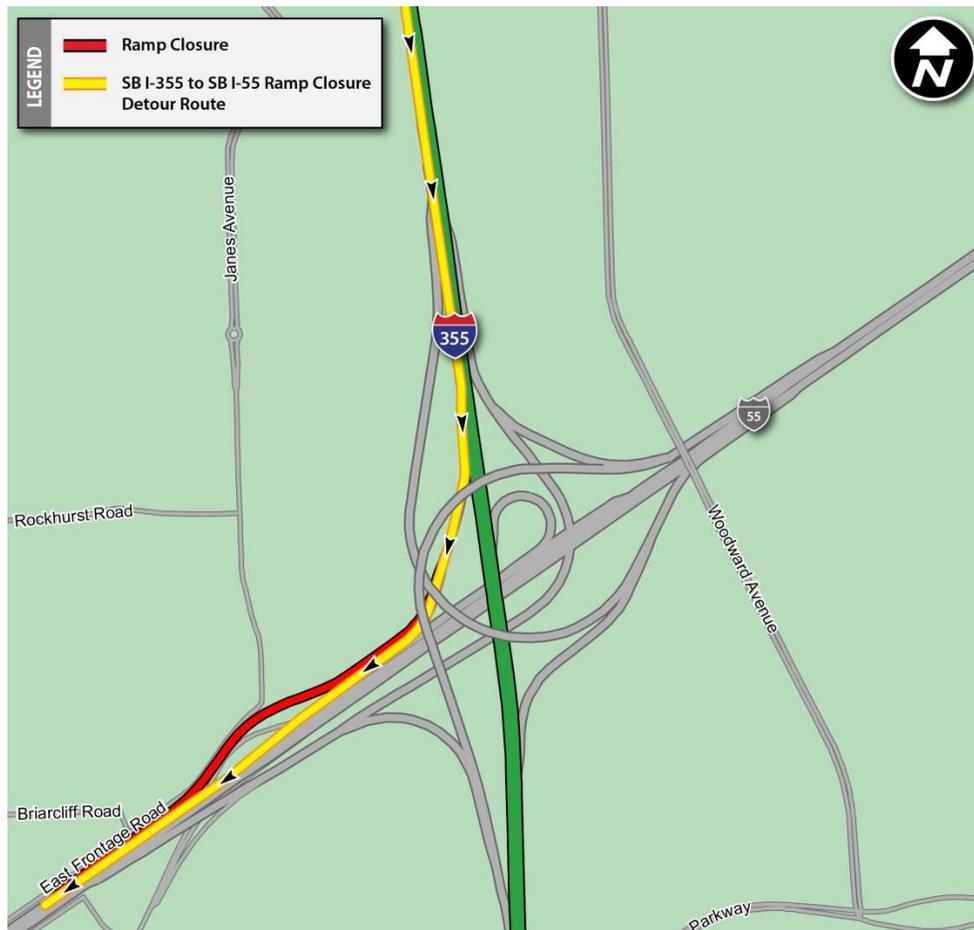
WEEKEND RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED AT I-55 INTERCHANGE ON THE VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355)

Pavement repair work scheduled on the ramp carrying southbound I-355 to southbound I-55

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – An extended ramp closure is scheduled this weekend for pavement repairs on the ramp connecting the southbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) to southbound I-55. Traffic will be detoured onto an adjacent ramp with access to both southbound I-55 and Joliet Road.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closure and detour. The closure is necessary to safely provide a work zone for pavement patching on the ramp.

Weather permitting, the ramp to southbound I-55 is scheduled to close in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 8, reopening by 5 a.m. on Monday, December 10, ahead of the rush hour. A detour will direct traffic onto an adjacent exit ramp that accesses both southbound I-55 and Joliet Road.



In 2018, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway, bridge and ramp work on throughout the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355). In addition, roadway lighting, signage and guardrail improvements are scheduled, as well as retaining wall and noisewall work.

The Tollway is repairing mainline and local crossroad bridges at the following locations: Cedar Road, U.S. Route 6, Fiddymont Creek, 135th Street, Des Plains River, Internationale Parkway and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Repairs are also scheduled on the ramps at Army Trail Road, North Avenue (Illinois Route 64), Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38), Butterfield Road (Illinois Route 56), the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), Ogden Avenue (Illinois Route 34), Maple Avenue 63rd Street, 75th Street, Boughton Road, I-55 and I-80.

The improvements are funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information about the I-355 Roadway Resurfacing and Repair work is available on the Tollway's website at Illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that 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.

A variable work zone speed limit from 45 to 55 mph will be in effect in areas with construction on I-355. 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.

In addition, 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 \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 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.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

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

- Illinoistollway.com – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- Travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times.
- 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.

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 six years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and

within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning for emerging projects.

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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