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TRAFFIC SHIFT AND OFF-PEAK CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR NOISEWALL WORK ON THE VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Off-peak lane closures and traffic shifts on the southbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between Butterfield Road and Illinois Route 53 are scheduled next week for ongoing work to install noisewalls.

Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the lane closures. The traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate construction. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the roadway remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of our overall commitment to roadway safety,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We ask drivers to be attentive in work zones by watching for changing traffic patterns and using caution, especially when workers are present.”

During the week of August 31, southbound traffic is scheduled to shift to inside, to provide a workzone for noisewall installation. Northbound traffic is currently shifted to the inside for noisewall work. Additional off-peak lane closures will be needed to complete noisewall installation work. Traffic shifts in both directions are scheduled to be in place until November.

Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#).

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency’s overall commitment to roadway safety. A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect on I-355 throughout the work.

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.

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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 eight 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 21st 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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