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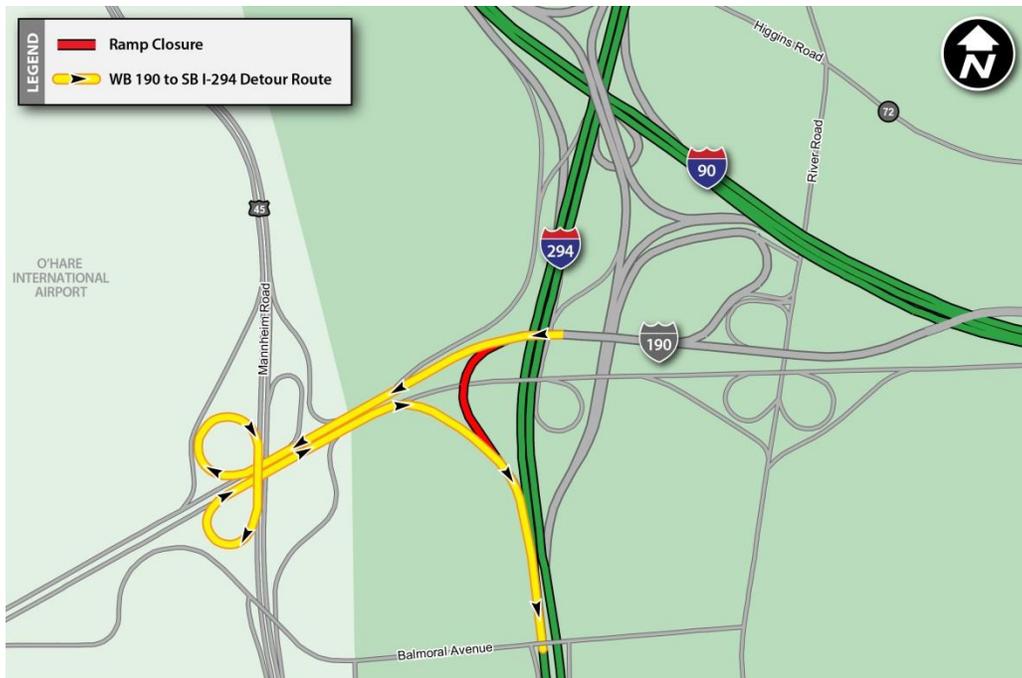
## **TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK AT I-190 ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**

*Ramp resurfacing work is part of ongoing repair work along I-294*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway has scheduled nightly pavement resurfacing work next week on the ramp connecting westbound I-190 to the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) requiring overnight ramp closure with a posted detour.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detour. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate repairs. All work is weather dependent.

Overnight on Tuesday, April 16, the ramp connecting westbound I-190 to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close beginning at midnight and reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17. A posted detour will direct traffic to exit at Mannheim Road, re-enter I-190 headed in the eastbound direction to reach southbound I-294. Similar closures are also scheduled for overnight Wednesday, April 17, and overnight Thursday, April 18.



Later this month, additional work will be scheduled on the ramp carrying eastbound I-190/northbound I-294 to the westbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). Traffic on that ramp will be reduced to a single lane for about a month. The ramp will remain open at all times.

Repair work on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Chicago Department of Aviation, the Village of Rosemont and local fire and police departments. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps, construction and detour information about the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) repairs is available on the Tollway's website at [illinoistollway.com](http://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 Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and other roadways remain 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 \$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](http://illinoistollway.com) – Interactive Tollway Map for construction.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) – Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](http://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 seven 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.