

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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TOWNHALL ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN BOONE COUNTY SCHEDULED TO REOPEN TO TRAFFIC

Repair work complete on local crossroad bridges between Townhall Road and Illinois Route 47

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway has completed repairs on the Townhall Road Bridge over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Boone County and will reopen the bridge to traffic today, June 8, and remove the posted detour.

Improvements on the Townhall Road Bridge included placement of bridge approach pavement and parapet walls, bridge expansion joint replacement and slope wall repair, as well as drainage and landscaping work. Up to 475 vehicles use the Townhall Road Bridge daily.

In 2023, the Illinois Tollway repaired six bridges on I-90 in Boone, McHenry and Kane County, including: Townhall Road, Spring Center Road, Shattuck Road, Garden Prairie Road, Harmony Road and Illinois Route 47. All bridge repair work is scheduled to be complete on Friday, June 9.

In most locations, bridge improvements included bridge joint replacement and slope wall repairs, as well as drainage and landscaping work.

The work was coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Boone County, McHenry County, Kane County, local communities, as well as local fire and police departments.

The local crossroad bridges were repaired to extend the life of the structures. The work is 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-90 bridge repair work are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at <u>illinoistollway.com</u>.

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 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 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 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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