



## ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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### ILLINOIS TOLLWAY BEGINS WORK TO REBUILD WINDSOR DRIVE BRIDGE OVER RAMPS CONNECTING REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) AND TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

*Bridge improvements will accommodate Oak Brook project to widen Windsor Drive*

**DOWNTOWN GROVE, IL —** The Illinois Tollway has begun work to install temporary traffic signals on Windsor Drive in Oak Brook for the reconstruction of the Windsor Drive Bridge over the ramps connecting the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Reconstruction of the Windsor Drive Bridge is being done in coordination with Oak Brook's work to rebuild and widen Windsor Drive.

Work to install temporary traffic signals on Windsor Drive is currently underway to maintain traffic access and accommodate the Tollway bridge removal and reconstruction. The temporary traffic signals are scheduled to be complete during the week of December 21 and activated in early January when bridge construction begins.

"The Illinois Tollway understands safety is just as important as access for drivers traveling daily to work and home, and we thank them for their patience," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. "Reducing lanes on the Windsor Drive Bridge will allow us to safely complete this work in less time and minimize the inconvenience to customers."

During the first stage of construction, Windsor Drive traffic will be reduced to a single lane crossing the bridge with the temporary traffic signals maintaining bi-directional travel. Bridge traffic is scheduled to remain reduced to a signal lane through spring as the portion of the bridge carrying northbound traffic is removed and rebuilt. Drivers should anticipate travel delays.

Once the first stage of construction is complete, Windsor Drive traffic will have access to two lanes, one lane in each direction, eliminating the need for traffic control signals, on the new northbound side of the bridge while the southbound side of the bridge is removed and replaced. All bridge work is scheduled to be complete by the end of fall.

In addition, during construction, Tollway ramps connecting I-88 and I-294 will remain open with shoulder closures and traffic shifts as needed. Full ramp closures will be scheduled as needed for bridge beam removal and replacement.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to the lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits. All work is weather dependent.

The Tollway's \$7.5 million Windsor Drive Bridge Project is removing the existing two-lane bridge carrying traffic over the Tollway ramps connecting I-88 and I-294 and replacing it with a new, wider bridge structure. The new bridge will provide four lanes on Windsor Drive along with a 10-foot-wide landscaped raised median and sidewalks in both directions.

Bridge replacement will also accommodate work underway by the Village of Oak Brook to widen Windsor Drive to four lanes between Swift Road and Cermak Road. In addition, the existing four-span

bridge will be replaced with a two-span structure to improve Tollway maintenance and operations in the area and accommodate any ramp or roadway improvements needed in the future.

Additional work on this project includes, the reconstruction of outside shoulders on the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88, along with erosion control and landscaping. All work is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021.

This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. The Windsor Drive Bridge Project is being coordinated with the Village of Oak Brook as well as local fire and police departments. Currently, up to 6,500 vehicles use Windsor Drive daily.

Maps and construction information about the Windsor Drive Bridge Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). Information about Oak Brook's Windsor Drive Widening and Streetscape Project is available on the village's website at [www.oak-brook.org](http://www.oak-brook.org).

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Windsor Drive 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 \$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.

### **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* 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 planning for emerging projects, including 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.