



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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RAMP REPAIR WORK SCHEDULED AT THE TOUHY AVENUE INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Overnight lane, ramp closures with posted detours scheduled to continue into July

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight ramp and lane closures are scheduled to begin next week and continue into July at the Touhy Avenue Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Des Plaines for pavement repairs and maintenance on four ramps. Detours will be posted.

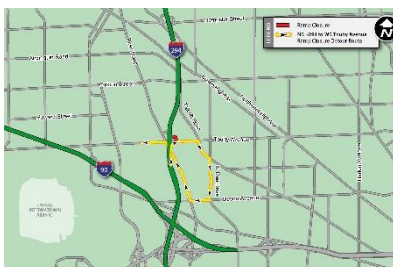
Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to ramp closures and detours. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Starting the week of June 10, nightly ramp closures with posted detours will be scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. and end by 5 a.m. the following morning. Ramps will be closed on alternate nights, with each of the four ramps closing a maximum of three nights. In addition, on I-294, single lane closures in both directions will be scheduled nightly beginning at 9 p.m. and reopening by 5 a.m. the following morning.

Ramp repair work will include milling and resurfacing of asphalt pavement. All work at the Touhy Avenue Interchange is scheduled to be complete this summer.

During construction detours for the ramps will include:

- Northbound I-294 to eastbound Touhy Avenue: Traffic will be directed to exit onto westbound Touhy Avenue and routed via River Road, Oakton Road and Riverside Drive/Talcott Road to eastbound Touhy Avenue.
- Northbound I-294 to westbound Touhy Avenue: Traffic will be routed onto eastbound Touhy Avenue ahead of the exit and routed via Talcott Road, South Dee Road, Devon Avenue and River Road to westbound Touhy Avenue.
- Touhy Avenue to southbound I-294: Touhy Avenue traffic will be routed onto northbound River Road and onto southbound I-294. Southbound River Road traffic, which also used this ramp to access southbound I-294, will be routed onto westbound Touhy Avenue, Mannheim Road (U.S. Route 45) to eastbound I-190 to southbound I-294.
- Northbound River Road to southbound I-294: Touhy Avenue and River Road traffic be routed via River Road, Oakton Street and Riverside Drive/Talcott Road back to Touhy Avenue where drivers will be able to access the Tollway via the Touhy Avenue ramp to southbound I-294.

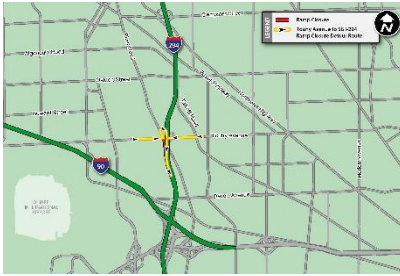


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NB I-294 to EB Touhy Avenue
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In 2024, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled repair work along the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) between Russell Road and Atkinson Road, including local crossroad bridge repairs on Atkinson Road; from Dempster Street to Touhy Avenue; and from Southwest Highway to 171st Street, as well as pavement repairs throughout the corridor.

Additional work includes underpass lighting work at Deerfield Road, median barrier and noisewall repairs and roadway drainage, fiber optic, utility, overhead Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), and roadway camera and ramp queue detection system improvements.

These projects were coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the United States Coast Guard, The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, Lake County and Will County, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments.

Repair work will provide customers an improved driving experience and extend the life of the roadway. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 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).

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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