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WEEKEND LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES RESCHEDULED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) BETWEEN LAKE STREET AND FULLERTON AVENUE

Closures and detours needed in August as part of ongoing bridge joint repair and maintenance work on I-355

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –Lane closures have been rescheduled to begin this weekend for bridge joint repair work on the southbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between Lake Street and Fullerton Avenue, including a detour of the two ramps connecting Army Trail Road to southbound I-355. Delays are expected.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane and ramp closures and detours. Extended ramp and lane closures are necessary to safely accommodate a work zone for the repairs, which will also require time for concrete to cure. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

On Friday, August 12, beginning at 9 p.m. southbound I-355 is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane. Two lanes are scheduled to be reopen to traffic by 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, with a single lane closure remaining in place as needed into Monday, August 15. Additional overnight lane closures will be scheduled on Sunday, August 14, to shift traffic.

In addition, the two ramps connecting eastbound and westbound Army Trail Road to southbound I-355 are scheduled to close at 9 p.m. on Friday, August 12, and remain closed until 5 a.m. on Monday, August 15. Detours will be posted for both ramps routing traffic to the North Avenue Interchange where drivers will be able to access I-355 in both directions. See detour map below.

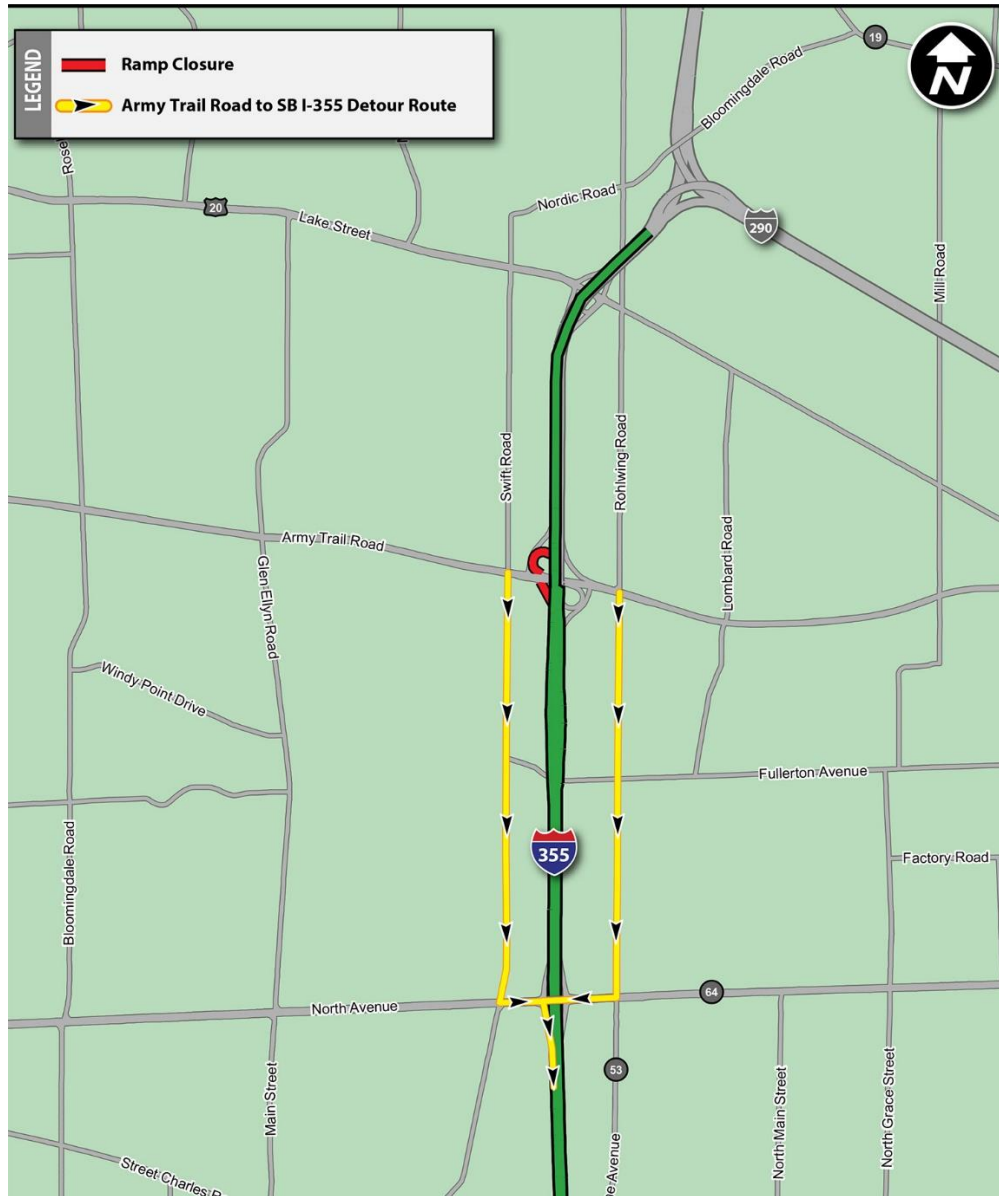
During the week of August 15, traffic will remain shifted to the right on southbound I-355 between Lake Street and Fullerton Avenue for bridge repair work. Three lanes of traffic will remain open, but no shoulders will be available.

On Friday, August 19, beginning at 9 p.m. southbound I-355 is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane. Two lanes are scheduled to be reopen to traffic by 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, with a single lane closure remaining in place as needed into Monday, August 22.

During the week of August 22, overnight lane closures will be scheduled as needed to shift southbound traffic back to its original configuration.

In 2022, the Illinois Tollway is completing mainline bridge joint repair work, as well as median barrier removal and replacement, pavement repairs, roadway lighting and electrical work, as well as other minor miscellaneous work along I-355.

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Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) remains 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 10 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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