



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**LANE CLOSURES FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PLACEMENT SCHEDULED  
THIS WEEK ON 47<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**

*Closures need to complete installation of install steel structure over I-294 in Western Springs and Hinsdale*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Temporary lane closures are scheduled this week on 47<sup>th</sup> Street and the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to accommodate construction of a new pedestrian bridge in Hinsdale and Western Springs.

The temporary closures on I-294 and 47<sup>th</sup> Street are necessary to safely accommodate traffic and installation of the new pedestrian bridge. Electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert Tollway drivers to the overnight lane closures. Up-to-date information regarding closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

On 47<sup>th</sup> Street, beginning on Friday, October 14, and continuing daily as needed through Monday, October 18, traffic between Princeton Road and Commonwealth Avenue is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. to allow for the delivery and assembly of the pre-fabricated steel truss that is part of the pedestrian bridge structure.

In addition, between 5 p.m. Saturday, October 15, and 7 a.m. Sunday, October 16, 47<sup>th</sup> Street traffic is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane overnight for the placement of the steel truss over I-294.

Flaggers will be used to maintain bi-directional traffic on 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Traffic in this area of 47<sup>th</sup> Street is currently shifted onto the eastbound side of the road and reduced to a single lane in both directions.

On I-294, lane closures will begin on Saturday, October 15, at 5 p.m. with the closure of one lane in both directions in the area near 47<sup>th</sup> Street. Lane closures will continue on southbound I-294 with a second lane closing at 10 p.m. and a third at midnight. In addition, intermittent full closures of southbound I-294, each lasting 15 minutes, will take place between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Sunday, October 16. All lanes on I-294 are scheduled to reopen by noon.

In coordination with the Village of Hinsdale, the Village of Western Springs and the Western Springs Park District, the Illinois Tollway is building a new pedestrian bridge over I-294 to maintain a convenient connection between Veeck Park and Spring Rock Park and community pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway Project. The pedestrian bridge is being relocated from its current location near Ogden Avenue to a new location adjacent to 47<sup>th</sup> Street selected by the villages.

The Illinois Tollway's construction schedule will ensure that local residents will continue to have access to a pedestrian bridge over I-294. The removal of the existing bridge near Ogden Avenue will be scheduled after the new pedestrian bridge adjacent to 47<sup>th</sup> Street opens to the public. The project is scheduled to be complete in 2023.

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The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95<sup>th</sup> Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

### 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.

On 47<sup>th</sup> Street, a 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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