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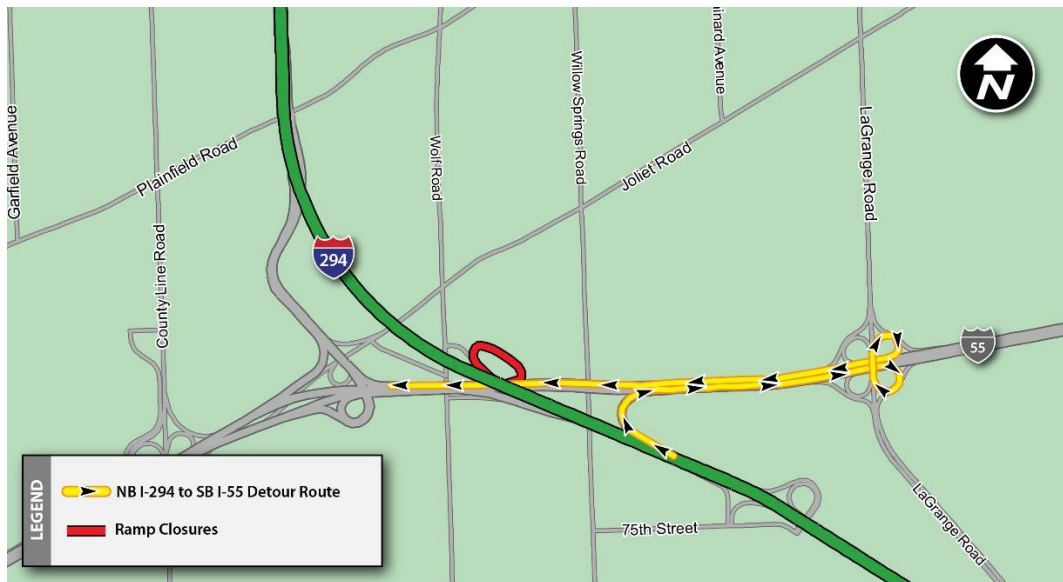
**OVERNIGHT RAMP AND LANE CLOSURES FOR TRAFFIC SHIFT
SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK ON I-55 AT TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**
Nightly closure and detour of northbound I-294 ramp to southbound I-55 needed

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane and ramp closures are scheduled next week on southbound I-55 between Willow Springs Road and Country Line Road to return traffic to its regular configuration as work continues on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. In order to complete the traffic shift, nightly closures and detours of the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to southbound I-55 will be needed.

Electronic message and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane and ramp closures and detour. The closures are needed to provide a safe work zone and will be scheduled during overnight hours to reduce the impact on local traffic. All work is weather dependent.

During the week of July 10, up to three nights of overnight lane closures on southbound I-55 under I-294 are scheduled for pavement striping and work to prepare for the traffic shift. Lane closures are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and be complete by 5 a.m. the following morning. In addition, the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to southbound I-55 will be closed during this time. A detour will be posted routing northbound I-294 traffic to northbound I-55 and through the LaGrange Road Interchange to access southbound I-55. The ramp connecting northbound I-294 to Wolf Road will remain open.

Once complete, southbound traffic will be shifted back into its regular configuration. Traffic shifts on northbound I-55 in this area will remain in place through summer.



In 2023, the Tollway is scheduled to complete reconstruction of the ramp connecting I-55 to northbound I-294, along with the I-294 bridges over I-55, Wolf Road, Joliet Road and Flagg Creek. Work is also scheduled to continue to reconstruct and widen northbound I-294 between 75th Street and I-55.

Information about the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th 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 Wolf Road and Joliet Road, 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 11 years of *Move Illinois* is 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 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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