

VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY



Bridge and Ramp Repairs

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2023, the Illinois Tollway maintenance work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) will include bridge repair work at I-88 and over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway. In addition, toll plaza improvements are scheduled at five locations, as well as roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation between I-55 and Butterfield Road.

This work is scheduled to begin in the spring and be complete by the end of the year.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Tollway is repairing the I-355 mainline bridge over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway in Downers Grove.

Work includes removing the existing asphalt surface, repairing the concrete bridge deck and joints and overlaying a new asphalt surface.

At I-88, bridge work is also scheduled on the ramp bridges that connect southbound I-355 to eastbound I-88, southbound I-355 to westbound I-88 and eastbound I-88 to northbound I-355. Work includes the parapet removal and replacement as well as bridge deck work.

In addition, improvements are scheduled at five ramp toll plazas on I-355: Roosevelt Road, Butterfield Road, Ogden Avenue, Maple Avenue and 75th Street.

Additional work includes roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation between I-55 and Butterfield Road, as well as roadway signage work through the corridor.

Customer Impacts

Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

Long-term ramp detours will be needed at Ogden Avenue and Maple Avenue, as well as reduced capacity on the ramps connecting I-355 to I-88 in order to complete the work.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that 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 drivers face 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.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at illinoistollway.com.

PURPOSE

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and bridges and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway, Cook County, DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments.

BUILDING GREEN

The Tollway is committed to "Building Green" and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by

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reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- Illinoistollway.com – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com/IllTollway) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.