



I-55 Interchange Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

To accommodate the rebuilding and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Illinois Tollway, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation, will reconstruct and improve several ramps and bridges at the I-55 Interchange, along with mainline roadway reconstruction and widening in the area. The work will not change the existing configuration of the interchange.

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.

Construction in this area is scheduled to be complete in 2025.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Construction on bridges and ramps in and around the I-55 Interchange is part of the Tollway's Central Tri-State Tollway Project, including the installation and/or replacement of existing noisewalls.

Work includes reconstruction of the ramp connecting I-55 to northbound I-294. The new two-lane ramp will be built adjacent to the existing ramp, and will allow for traffic to continue using the existing ramp during construction. In addition, the ramp from northbound I-294 to the Hinsdale Oasis will also be reconstructed to accommodate the new, wider I-294.

To accommodate the reconstruction and widening of I-294, the Tollway will rebuild the bridges in both directions carrying traffic over I-55, Wolf Road, Joliet Road and Flagg Creek. The bridges will remain open to traffic throughout construction.

In addition, the Illinois Tollway will reconstruct the Plainfield Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-294 to accommodate the new, wider roadway.

Work in this area will also include reconstruction of I-294 in both directions between Hinsdale Oasis and 75th Street, with construction scheduled to be complete in 2025.

Customer Impacts

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.

The Tollway will use traffic shifts and lane reductions when possible to maintain access, however temporary closures and detours will be scheduled as needed to safely accommodate construction work.

PURPOSE

Improvements to the I-55 Interchange are part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project, which 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.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, Village of Burr Ridge, Village of Hinsdale, Village of Indian Head Park, Village of Western Springs, City of Countryside, Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District, ComEd and Nicor, as well as local fire and police departments.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and local roads 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. 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.

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

SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by 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 – 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) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.