



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **FINAL PAVEMENT WORK SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE ON SOUTH SECTION OF THE CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) PROJECT**

*Asphalt overlay will complete work to reconstruct and widen I-294 between LaGrange Road and I-55*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Pavement work to complete roadway reconstruction on the Central Tri-State (I-294) Tollway Project's south section between LaGrange Road and I-55 is scheduled to begin next week on southbound I-294. Asphalt paving will be completed in segments and done during overnight hours to reduce the impact on daily drivers.

Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight lane closures and traffic shift. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of April 8, on southbound I-294 between LaGrange Road and I-55, overnight lane closures are scheduled in order to shift traffic so asphalt overlay work can begin. Five lanes will remain open during peak hours. Traffic shifts are scheduled through summer to complete the work. In addition, shifts and closures will be needed on the ramp carrying traffic from southbound I-294 to 75<sup>th</sup> Street and southbound I-294 to Wolf Road and I-55 to complete the work.

Work on northbound I-294 in this area is largely complete. However, additional closures may be needed to complete pavement and shoulder work.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Indian Head Park, Village of Burr Ridge, Village of Countryside, Village of Hodgkins, Village of Willow Springs, Village of Justice, Village of Hickory Hills, Cook County Department of Transportation, Forest Preserves of Cook County, as well as local fire and police departments.

The mainline roadway widening of the Central Tri-State Project between I-55 and 95<sup>th</sup> Street was complete in 2023 with five lanes and new shoulders now open in both directions. Work included the construction of new I-294 bridges over I-55, Flagg Creek, 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Roberts Road, as well as reconstructing roadway shoulders including adding Flex Lanes.

Completion of the roadway reconstruction requires surface preparation and placement of a final asphalt overlay and pavement markings. The new composite-pavement design, including an asphalt overlay placed over jointed-concrete pavement, will create a smooth, long-lasting roadway.

Construction in the southern section of Central Tri-State Tollway Project started in 2019 with the Mile Long Bridge Project and is scheduled to be complete in 2024.

Information, including maps and construction updates, is available on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) in the Projects section.

As part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, the Tollway 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

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is part of the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program. 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 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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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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