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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED AT THE DEMPSTER STREET INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Ramp closures with posted detours will be needed to complete pavement repairs

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight ramp and lane closures are scheduled this week at the Dempster Street Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Des Plaines for ongoing repair work and pavement striping. A detour will be posted.

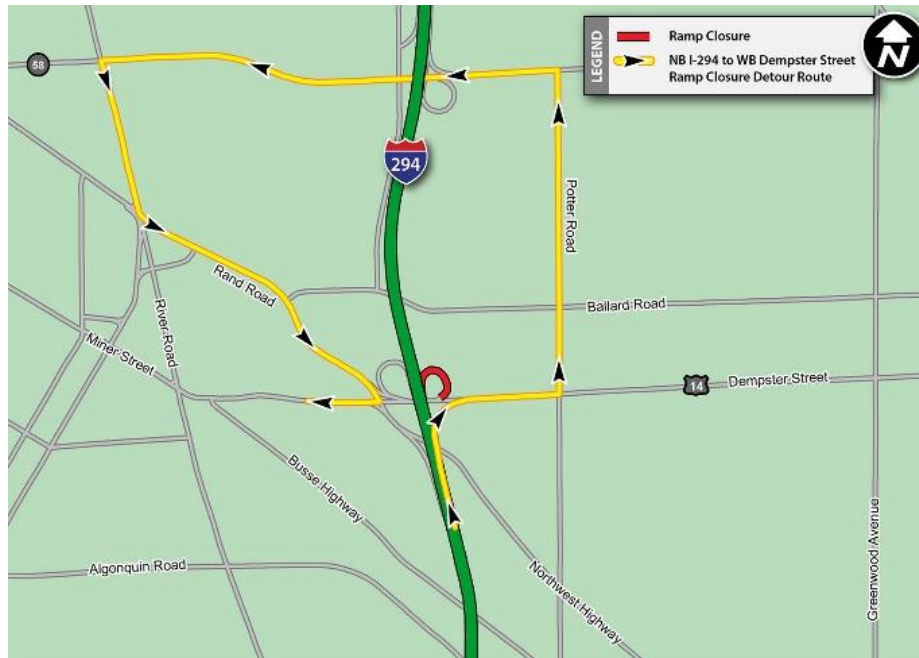
Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to closures and the detour. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

During the week of July 8, a single night of overnight closures will be scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. and continue until 5 a.m. the following morning and will include:

- Closure and detour of the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound Dempster Street Interchange. Traffic will be directed to exit at eastbound Dempster Street in advance of the exit to westbound Dempster Street, then routed via Potter Road, Golf Road, River Road and Rand Road to access westbound Dempster Street. See detour map below.
- Traffic shifts and lane reductions on both ramps connecting Dempster Street to southbound I-294.

In addition, when ramp and lane closures are in place, a single lane will be closed on northbound I-294 between Busse Highway to Dempster Street.

All work at the Dempster Street Interchange is scheduled to be complete this summer. Ramp repair work included milling and resurfacing of concrete pavement.



In 2024, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled repair work along the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) between Russell Road and Atkinson Road, including local crossroad bridge repairs on Atkinson Road; from Dempster Street to Touhy Avenue; and from Southwest Highway to 171st Street, as well as pavement repairs throughout the corridor.

Additional work includes underpass lighting work at Deerfield Road, median barrier and noisewall repairs and roadway drainage, fiber optic, utility, overhead Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), and roadway camera and ramp queue detection system improvements.

These projects were coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the United States Coast Guard, The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, Lake County and Will County, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments.

Repair work will provide customers an improved driving experience and extend the life of the roadway. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

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.

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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