



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **LANE REDUCTION ON RAMP FROM SOUTHBOUND TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) TO I-55 SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEKEND**

*Ramp lane reduction scheduled into fall to complete pavement reconstruction*

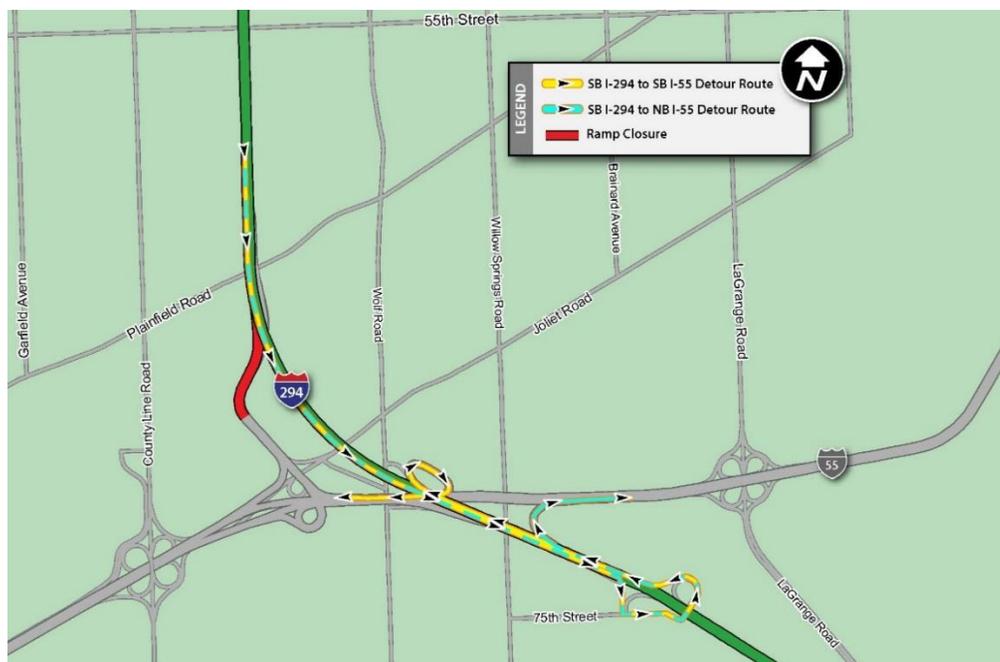
**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A lane reduction on the ramp connecting the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-55 is scheduled to begin this weekend to accommodate pavement work as part of the ongoing Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. Delays are expected.

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

Overnight on Saturday, September 28, the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to both northbound and southbound I-55 is scheduled to close overnight to prepare for the lane reduction. The ramp is scheduled to close at midnight and traffic will be detoured to 75<sup>th</sup> Street and routed through the interchange to access northbound I-294. From northbound I-294, traffic may exit to either northbound or southbound I-55. No tolls will be taken at the 75<sup>th</sup> Street Toll Plazas in either direction for customers following the detour route.

In addition, a single southbound lane on I-294 is also scheduled to close during the ramp detour.

The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. on Sunday, September 29, with traffic on the ramp reduced to a single lane into the fall.



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The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project 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 is part of the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

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

### **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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