



North Tri-State Tollway Repairs

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway has scheduled work in 2024 on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Russell Road and Atkinson Road, including local crossroad bridge repairs on Atkinson Road.

Improvements will also include underpass lighting work at Deerfield Road, as well as fiber optic improvements, noisewall and median barrier repairs and roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation throughout the corridor.

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

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Tollway is repairing the I-94 mainline bridge over Old U.S. Route 41 in Lake County. Work includes bridge joint replacement and deck repairs, as well as substructure repairs.

Local crossroad bridge repairs are also scheduled on Atkinson Road over I-94. Work includes bridge deck, beam and structural concrete repairs.

In addition, underpass lighting removal and replacement with new LED lights is scheduled on the ramp connecting westbound I-94 to Deerfield Road.

Additional work includes roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation and fiber-optic improvements throughout the corridor.

Customer Impacts

Lane closures and traffic shifts will be necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction.

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.

Closure of the Atkinson Road Bridge with a posted detour will be scheduled in 2024 for repairs. The full closure of the bridge will be necessary because the existing bridge

structure is too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely providing a work zone to complete repairs on the bridge.

In addition, lane reductions will be required on Old U.S. Route 41 to complete mainline bridge repair work.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) 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 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.

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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

These projects are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Lake County, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments.



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.