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LONG-TERM RAMP CLOSURE AND DETOUR SCHEDULED AT HALSTED STREET INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294/I-80) FOR TOLL PLAZA WORK (I-294) *Ramp closure needed through fall for toll plaza improvements*

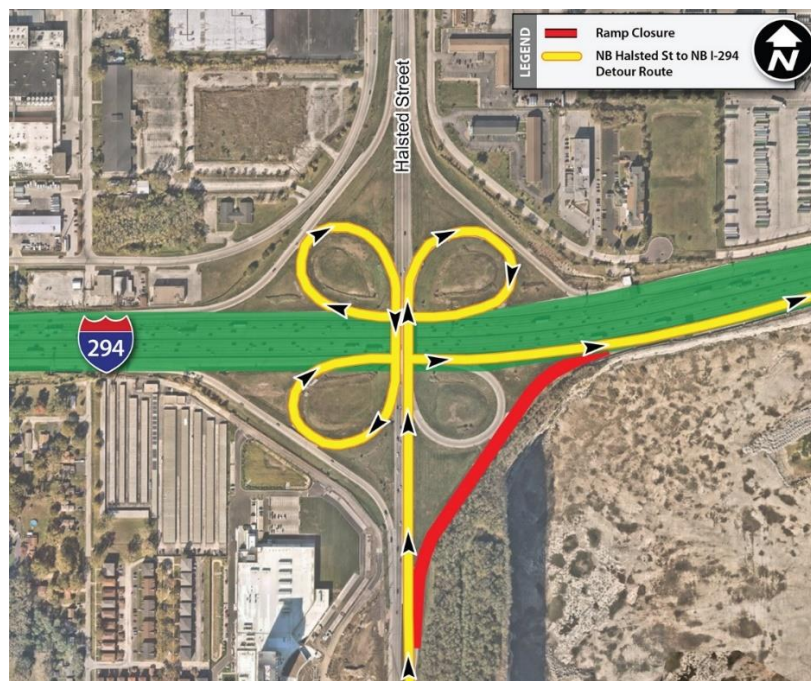
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A long-term ramp closure with a posted detour is scheduled to begin next week and continue through fall at the Halsted Street Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) for toll plaza improvements.

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

On Wednesday, April 16, the ramp connecting northbound Halsted Street to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close at 7 a.m. and remain closed through fall. A detour will be posted routing traffic through the interchange ramps and onto southbound I-294.

Traffic will be reduced to a single lane through the toll plaza, which is shared with the southbound Halsted Street ramp to southbound I-294.

Closure and detour of the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to southbound Halsted Street will be needed and scheduled later this fall to complete the improvements at the Halsted Street Interchange.



The extended closures are needed to accommodate the removal of the toll plaza canopy and barrier wall and installation of new tolling infrastructure. Construction work will also include ramp pavement and shoulder work and electrical, lighting and signage improvements.

Closures are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Thornton, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2025, the Illinois Tollway is making improvements at toll plaza systemwide to improve traffic flow and mobility. The scheduled improvements prioritize structural, safety and operational considerations. 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 13 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.