

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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CLOSURE AND DETOUR SCHEDULED ON BELVIDERE ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Repair work scheduled to begin this week, including closure with detour into mid-September

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A closure and detour of the Belvidere Road Bridge over the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90) in Winnebago County is scheduled to begin this week and continue into mid-September as part of Illinois Tollway bridge repair work.

Repairs on the Belvidere Road Bridge include bridge deck repairs and concrete sealing. All work is scheduled to be complete later this fall.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the closure and detour. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the <u>Daily Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning August 25 and continuing into mid-September, the Belvidere Road Bridge will close to traffic and a posted detour will be put in place. Traffic will be detoured around the bridge closure via Swanson Road and Illinois Route 251.

In addition, lane closures will be needed on I-90 to complete the work.

When possible, the Tollway stages construction so bridges can remain open to traffic during repairs. However, the full closure of the Belvidere Road Bridge is necessary because the local crossroad bridge over I-90 is too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely completing the work.

Closures are being coordinated with Winnebago County, as well as local fire and police departments.



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*.

In 2025, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled pavement and bridge repairs between Rockton Road and Randall Road, including local crossroad bridge detours on Belvidere Road, Harlem Road, Spring Creek Road and Rote Road over I-90. Improvements will include bridge deck and beam repairs, paving and concrete sealing, as well as drainage system repairs. 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 <u>illinoistollway.com</u>.

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.