

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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LANE REDUCTIONS, TRAFFIC SHIFTS SCHEDULED AT THE EAST RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD TOLL PLAZA ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Work to upgrade toll plaza in Winnebago County scheduled to continue through fall

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane reductions and traffic shifts are scheduled to begin the week of September 22 at the toll plaza on the ramp connecting the westbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) to East Riverside Boulevard in Winnebago County for toll plaza canopy removal and plaza improvements which will allow for better traffic flow and operations.

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

During the week of September 22, traffic on the ramp connecting westbound I-90 to East Riverside Boulevard will be shifted to the right with a workzone on the left. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration into October, when all traffic will shift to the left with a workzone on the right.

In addition, up to two nights of full closures of the ramp will be needed for canopy removal and monotube installation. Detours will be posted.

Extended lane reductions and traffic shifts are scheduled to continue through the fall at the toll plaza to accommodate the removal of the toll plaza canopy and the installation of a new monotube and tolling infrastructure.

All work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the City of Loves Park, Winnebago County, Javon Bea Hospital, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2025, toll plaza improvements are scheduled systemwide to upgrade equipment and replace outdated toll plaza facilities, including removal of median islands and canopies, which allows for improved traffic flow and operations. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program, and the seven-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future capital plan.

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 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and 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 Elgin O'Hare Western Access 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.