

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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REPAIR WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON ROCKTON, HARLEM, ROTE ROAD BRIDGES OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Bridge repair work with local road closures and traffic shifts scheduled to begin this week, including the detour of Harlem and Rote Road over I-90

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Repair work is scheduled to begin this week on several local crossroad bridges over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Winnebago County and continue into November, as part of the Illinois Tollway's bridge repair work scheduled in 2025. Traffic shifts will be put in place on Rockton Road and bridges on Harlem Road and Rote Road will be closed to traffic and detoured to safely accommodate construction.

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

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the traffic shifts needed to accommodate traffic and provide a safe work zone. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the Daily Construction Alert. All work is weather-dependent.

Beginning September 24, traffic on the Rockton Road Bridge is scheduled to be shifted in both directions with a work zone in the middle of the bridge. The left turn lane will be maintained in both directions. Additional traffic shifts will be scheduled in October as work continues and will require closure of the left turn lane connecting to westbound I-90. Following that configuration, a final traffic shift will be put in place, and the left turn lane will be maintained in both directions.

Beginning September 26, both the Harlem Road and Rote Road Bridges are scheduled to close to traffic. Posted detours will be put in place for both local crossroad bridges and will continue into October.

On Harlem Road traffic will be detoured around the bridge closure via Perryville Road, West Lane Road, Belvidere Road and Argyle Road.



On Rote Road traffic will be detoured around the bridge closure via Bell School Road, Spring Creek Road and North Lyford Road.



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

Maintenance and repair work at these locations will include pavement and structural repairs, deck sealing and overlay work. Closures are being coordinated with Winnebago County, Rockford Township and the City of Loves Park, as well as local fire and police departments.

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 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.