

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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RAMP CLOSURES, DETOURS SCHEDULED AT THE O'HARE INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) AND JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

Overnight ramp closure needed to prepare for toll plaza relocation work in advance of Illinois Department of Transportation future I-190 Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight closures and detours are scheduled to begin tonight, March 3, on the ramps connecting the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and the eastbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) to I-190 for work to relocate the O'Hare Interchange Toll Plaza. Detours will be posted during overnight closures of both ramps connecting. Additional nights of closures and detours will be needed to complete the work.

Beginning at midnight tonight, March 3, the ramps connecting southbound I-294 and eastbound I-90 to westbound I-190 are scheduled to close. Detours will be posted routing southbound I-294 traffic to westbound Irving Park Road and northbound Mannheim Road to access westbound I-190. I-90 traffic will be routed to southbound I-294 and then follow the same detour to access westbound I-190. The ramps are scheduled to reopen by 4 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4.

Additional nights of closures and detours are anticipated.

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



The closures and detours are needed to install temporary barrier wall and remove guardrail, gutter and lighting in order to build temporary pavement for toll plaza construction as part of the Illinois Department of Transportation's I-190 Project.

Once the temporary pavement is complete, traffic shifts will be put in place to construct the new toll plaza and roadway pavement one side at a time. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained, and no shoulders will be available in the area as construction continues throughout 2025.

This construction work is being done by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of a future larger project to improve I-190 operations and roadway access for O'Hare International Airport.

To accommodate the IDOT improvements, work will include the relocation of the Tollway's I-294 O'Hare Interchange Toll Plaza. The improvements will also include constructing a new toll plaza control building, ramp reconstruction, lighting and roadway signage work.

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.

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