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OVERNIGHT DETOURS OF HINSDALE OASIS RAMP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK ON SOUTHBOUND CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

*September long-term closure, detour of the ramp connecting
westbound Joliet Road to northbound I-294 also scheduled*

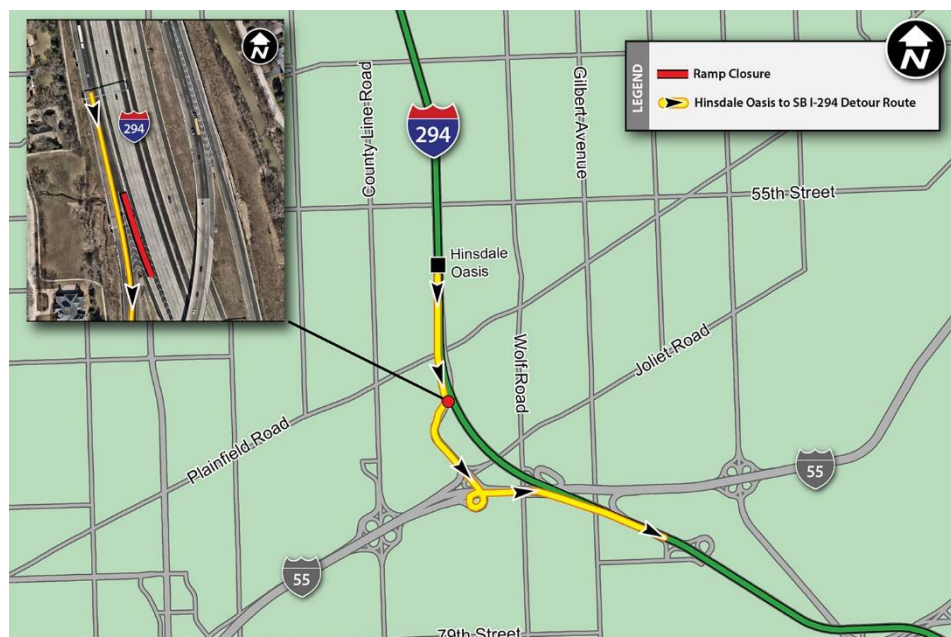
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures and detours of the ramp that connects the Hinsdale Oasis to the southbound Central Tri-State (I-294) are scheduled to begin this week as part of the Illinois Tollway's ongoing asphalt paving operations on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between I-55 and 47th Street.

The Hinsdale Oasis will remain open to customers traveling in both directions throughout the work.

Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and traffic shifts. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of August 3, the Hinsdale Oasis exit ramp to southbound I-294, along with the far right lanes of southbound I-294, are scheduled to close for up to five nights for mainline and shoulder resurfacing, pavement marking and related roadway work along I-294. The closures are scheduled to begin nightly at 9 p.m. with all lanes reopening to traffic each morning at 5 a.m.

Traffic exiting the Hinsdale Oasis and far-right I-294 lanes, will be detoured along the ramp to I-55 where drivers will then be able to access southbound I-294. Drivers on I-294 should move left ahead of the oasis to remain on I-294 or follow the detour to re-enter the Tollway.

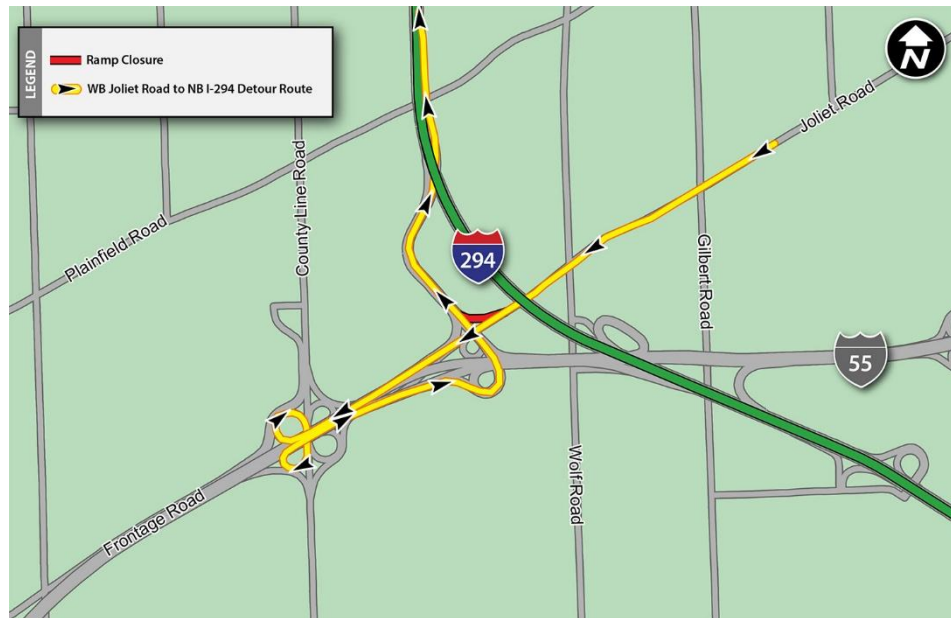


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In addition, in September, the ramp connecting westbound Joliet Road to northbound I-294 is scheduled to close for ongoing pavement resurfacing operations.

A detour will be posted routing westbound Joliet Road to southbound I-55, southbound County Line Road, northbound I-55 to access northbound I-294.

The detour is scheduled to remain in place for about two weeks.



The mainline roadway widening on I-294 from 47th Street to I-55 is finished with five lanes and new shoulders now open both directions. Completion of the roadway reconstruction requires surface preparation and placement of a final asphalt overlay and pavement markings, with work scheduled to be complete by the end of this year. The new composite-pavement design, including an asphalt overlay placed over jointed-concrete pavement, will create a smooth, long-lasting roadway.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Indian Head Park, Village of Burr Ridge, Village of Western Springs, Village of Hinsdale, Village of Oak Brook, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments.

Information, including maps and construction updates, is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

Construction is ongoing in the central section of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project between Ogden Avenue and Cermak Road and scheduled to continue through 2027. The Illinois Tollway is rebuilding the roadway to provide up to six lanes in both directions, as well as constructing wider inside shoulders to integrate Flex Lanes.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's *Move Illinois* capital program. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 include 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 14 years of *Move Illinois* delivered 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 reconstructing 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.

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