# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## LANE REDUCTIONS SCHEDULED ON WAUKEGAN ROAD FOR EDENS SPUR (I-94) BRIDGE REPAIR WORK

*Mainline shoulder closures in place, ramp movement detours will also be needed to accommodate work*

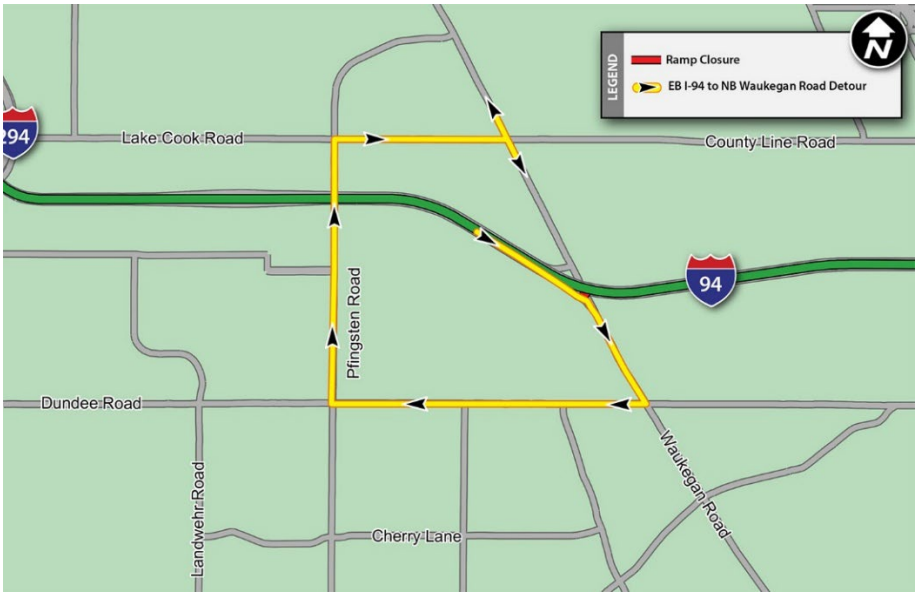
**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** Lane reductions are scheduled to begin next week on the Waukegan Road Bridge carrying traffic over the Edens Spur (I-94) in Northbrook, as part of the Illinois Tollway's work to repair the local crossroad bridges. All work is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to the lane closures, traffic shifts and detour scheduled throughout the work. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the Daily Construction Alert. All work is weather dependent.

During the week of October 12, traffic on the Waukegan Road Bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction for bridge joint and bearing replacement on the outside lanes and drainage work.

In addition, long-term shoulder closures and temporary lane closures on the Tollway will be needed to complete the work at this location.

Once work is complete on the outside lanes, the inside lanes in both directions are scheduled to close, with one lane in each direction remaining open to complete the bridge joint and bearing replacement work. At this time, closure of left turn lane on the ramp connecting the eastbound Edens Spur to northbound Waukegan Road will be required to accommodate construction. During the closure, a detour will be posted routing traffic southbound on Waukegan Road to Dundee Road, Pfingsten Road and Lake Cook Road to access Waukegan Road. The detour is scheduled to remain in place for up to five days.

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The Illinois Tollway has scheduled construction in 2026 on the North Tri-State Tollway and Edens Spur. Repair locations include the Waukegan Road Bridge and Deerfield Road Bridge over I-94; the I-94 mainline bridge over U.S. Route 41; the Willow Road Bridge and Sanders Road Bridge over I-294; and the I-294 mainline bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad, Dempster Street and Touhy Avenue. Work includes bridge joint cleaning and repairs, structural concrete repairs and drainage system cleaning. Work is scheduled to be complete this year. This work is part of the Tollway's seven-year, $2 billion *Bridging the Future* capital plan.

This repair work on the Edens Spur is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, as well as local fire and police departments.

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 for 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 *Bridging the Future***
Approved in 2024, *Bridging the Future* is a seven-year, $2 billion plan designed to continue infrastructure improvements, bridging the gap between the agency's current and next long-term capital program. Based on stakeholder feedback and engagement, *Bridging the Future* is addressing ongoing modernization initiatives and continuing to support investments in the people and firms working to improve regional mobility.

**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 Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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