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RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED AT HALSTED STREET INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294/I-80) FOR TOLL PLAZA WORK

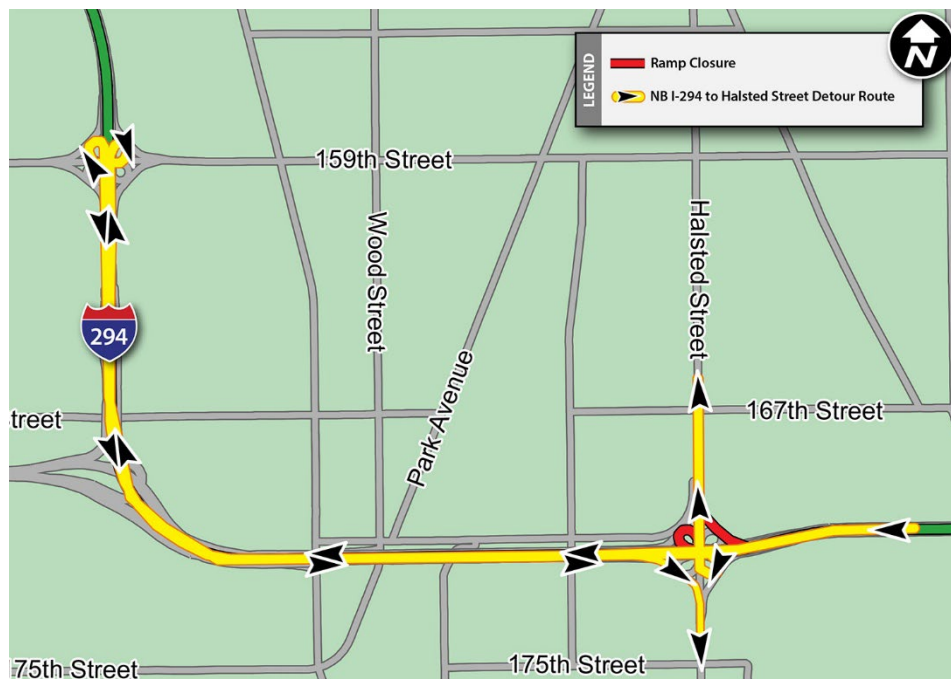
Overnight ramp closure needed for ongoing toll plaza improvements

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight ramp closures are scheduled next week at the Halsted Street Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) for ongoing work to install new tolling equipment and complete toll plaza improvements to allow for better traffic flow and operations.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closures to remove existing tolling infrastructure. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

On Monday, October 12, at 10 p.m. the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to Halsted Street is scheduled to close. No detour will be posted. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13. Up to two nights of closures may be needed to complete the work.

Once work at the southbound ramp is complete, the two ramps connecting northbound I-294 to Halsted Street are also scheduled to close overnight with a posted detour. The detour will route northbound I-294 traffic to westbound 159th Street through the interchange and onto southbound I-294 to access Halsted Street. No tolls will be taken at the mainline 163rd Street Toll Plaza for vehicles following the detour route.



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A long-term closure with a posted detour of the ramp connecting northbound Halsted Street to southbound I-294 remains in place. This ramp is scheduled to reopen by the end of the year.

The closures are needed to accommodate the removal of the toll plaza canopy and barrier wall and installation of new tolling infrastructure. Construction work will also include ramp pavement and shoulder work and electrical, lighting and signage improvements.

Closures are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Thornton, as well as local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Tollway is making improvements at toll plazas systemwide to improve traffic flow and mobility. The scheduled improvements prioritize structural, safety and operational considerations. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, and the 7-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 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 opened 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 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 the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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