



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) FOR BRIDGE REPAIR WORK**

*Lane closures will also be scheduled as needed to complete the work*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Long-term shoulder closures and traffic shifts are scheduled to begin this week and continue through late fall for repair work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) bridges over the Des Plaines River and Bluff Road.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane closures and traffic shifts scheduled throughout the work. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Wednesday, April 8, traffic in both directions on I-355 between 127th Street and International Parkway is scheduled to begin shifting to the inside with traffic reduced at times to two lanes during off-peak hours. Traffic on I-355 is scheduled to remain in this configuration into the summer as repair work is underway in a work zone. Additional traffic shifts and lane reductions will be needed through the fall to complete the work.

Work will include bridge deck, beam, parapet, abutment and approach slab repairs, as well as bridge joint work, bridge bearing replacements and pavement and shoulder repairs.

Lane closures are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Canadian National Railway, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Army Corps of Engineers, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Cook County, DuPage County, Will County, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Village of Lemont and Village of Woodridge, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2026, work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) includes pavement and structural repairs between I-80 and Army Trail Road in Will, Cook and DuPage Counties. Additional work includes CCTV camera installation, sign panel installation, lighting repairs, drainage improvements, and pavement marking. This work is part of the Tollway's seven-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](http://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

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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 by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors in December 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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