

### **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS**

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## RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED AT EAST RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Overnight ramp closure needed for ongoing toll plaza improvements

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** An overnight ramp closure is scheduled next week as part of toll plaza improvements underway at the East Riverside Boulevard Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Winnebago County.

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

On Tuesday, October 28, full closures of the ramp connecting westbound I-90 to East Riverside Boulevard are scheduled to begin. The closure is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29.

During the closure, traffic will be detoured in advance of the exit. The detour will direct westbound I-90 traffic to exit at State Street and follow the posted detour via Bell School Road to access East Riverside Boulevard.

A second full closure and detour will be needed later this year to complete the work.



Currently, traffic at the East Riverside Boulevard Interchange ramp is shifted to the right on the ramp and is scheduled to remain in this configuration through November, when all traffic will shift to the left with a workzone on the right.

Work will include the removal of the toll plaza canopy and installation of a new monotube and tolling infrastructure, as well as ramp pavement and shoulder replacement and electrical, lighting and signage improvements. All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

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In 2025, toll plaza improvements are scheduled systemwide to upgrade equipment and replace outdated toll plaza facilities, including removal of median islands and canopies, which allows for improved traffic flow and operations. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program, and the 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 <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.

#### 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 13 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering 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 reconstruction of 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.