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LANE REDUCTIONS SCHEDULED ON TOUHY AVENUE AND DEMPSTER STREET FOR NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) BRIDGE REPAIR WORK

Traffic shifts on ramps will also be needed to accommodate work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane reductions began this week on Touhy Avenue and Dempster Street for work on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) bridges over the local roads in Des Plaines as part of Illinois Tollway repairs on the Tri-State Tollway this year.

Electronic message signs and construction signage are in place to alert drivers to the lane closures and traffic shifts 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.

Traffic on both Touhy Avenue and Dempster Street will be reduced to a single lane in each direction between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily as needed to complete repair work underneath the mainline bridges on I-294. In addition, traffic shifts are scheduled on the ramps carrying northbound I-294 to westbound Touhy Avenue and Dempster Street during these closures to accommodate the work zone.

Closures are scheduled to continue into August on Dempster Street and into September on Touhy Avenue.

The Illinois Tollway has scheduled construction in 2026 on the North Tri-State Tollway. 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.

The repair work on the North Tri-State Tollway is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, the Union Pacific Railroad, 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

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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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