



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY PREPARED FOR BUSY MEMORIAL DAY TRAVEL WEEKEND *8.5 million vehicles expected as summer travel season begins*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is preparing for one of the busiest travel weekends of the year, with an estimated 8.5 million vehicles expected to travel across the Tollway system during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

The busiest travel day is expected to be Friday, May 22, when more than 2 million vehicles are projected to use the Tollway system. On a typical day, approximately 1.7 million vehicles travel on the Tollway.

“Memorial Day marks the beginning of the busy summer travel season, and our priority is helping customers travel safely and reliably across the Tollway system,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “Whether customers are traveling to spend time with family and friends or heading out for the holiday weekend, we encourage everyone to plan ahead, stay alert behind the wheel so we all arrive safely at our destinations.”

To help reduce traffic impacts during the holiday weekend, most temporary maintenance and construction lane closures will be suspended from noon on Friday, May 22, through 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26. Some work may continue behind barriers to keep projects on schedule. All work is weather-dependent.

Drivers are reminded to slow down, avoid distractions and use caution in work zones throughout the Tollway system. Areas where ongoing work zones may impact traffic include:

Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80)

- Between 47th Street and North Avenue, traffic is shifted in both directions.
- The ramps connecting westbound I-290 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290 to southbound I-294 are closed and detours are in place.
- The ramp connecting northbound Halsted Street to southbound I-294 is closed with a posted detour.

Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)

- The ramp connecting westbound I-90 to southbound Illinois Route 31 is closed with a posted detour.

Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)

- The ramp from eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 traffic is reduced to a single lane.

Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355)

- Traffic in both directions between 127th Street and International Parkway is shifted.

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.

For current travel information, customers can visit the Illinois Tollway website at www.illinoistollway.com or follow the agency on social media.

The Illinois Tollway also encourages customers to prepare for travel before leaving home by making sure their [I-PASS or Pay By Plate accounts](#) are up to date. I-PASS customers receive a 50 percent discount on Illinois Tollway tolls and can use their transponders in 18 states where E-ZPass is accepted. Pay By Plate allows customers to pay tolls online before or after travel by registering their license plate and payment information. In addition, [I-Pay Cash](#) allows customers to use cash to fund I-PASS accounts or pay unpaid toll invoices at more than 14,000 retail locations nationwide.

Drivers should dial [*999 for roadway assistance](#) from Tollway roadway maintenance crews who patrol the Tollway system 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. In addition, the Highway Emergency Lane Patrol (H.E.L.P.) supported by GEICO is also available to assist drivers 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tollway motorist aid patrols are ready to assist stranded customers change tires, jump-start batteries, add coolant, dispense fuel, transport customers, move vehicles away from traffic and call for a tow truck. *999 – we're always there when you need us.

Easy access to I-PASS and Pay By Plate account management is available from a mobile device using the [Official Illinois Tollway App](#). Customers can also manage vehicles, including adding rental vehicles and use the Trip Planner to map travel routes. The Official Illinois Tollway App is available for download on Apple and Android devices.

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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