



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY REMINDS DRIVERS TO BE ROAD-READY FOR FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY TRAVEL

More than 8.3 million vehicles expected to travel the Tollway over extended holiday weekend

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway wants drivers to make it a No Rush Summer by slowing down, staying alert and being road-ready for travel during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

More than 8.3 million vehicles are projected to travel on the Illinois Tollway system over the five-day Fourth of July holiday weekend between Thursday, July 2, and Monday, July 6. The busiest travel day is expected on Thursday, July 2, when 2 million vehicles are anticipated. On an average day, about 1.7 million vehicles travel on the Tollway.

“As families and friends travel to celebrate the Fourth of July, we encourage everyone to take their time and put safety first,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “A little planning before you leave and a little patience behind the wheel can go a long way toward helping everyone enjoy a safe holiday weekend.”

No Rush Summer: Take Your Time. Stay Alert. Get There Safely.

Be Prepared for Work Zones

To help reduce traffic impacts during the holiday weekend, most temporary maintenance and construction lane closures will be suspended from noon on Thursday, July 2, through 9 a.m. on Monday, July 6. Some work may continue behind barriers to keep projects on schedule. All work is weather-dependent. Areas where ongoing work zones may impact traffic include:

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

- Between I-55 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.

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.

Plan for travel with the Official Illinois Tollway App

Customers can manage their I-PASS and Pay By Plate accounts 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.

Call *999 for Roadway Assistance

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.

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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