

TRI-STATE TOLLWAY



Tri-State Tollway Repairs

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway has scheduled work in 2025 and 2026 on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) including crossroad bridge repairs at Waukegan Road on I-94 and the Union Pacific Railroad, Dempster Street, Touhy Avenue, Cal Sag Channel and Mile Long Bridge on I-294.

Improvements also include pavement and noisewall repairs, fiber optic improvements and roadway camera installation throughout the corridor, as well as drainage improvements between Atkinson Road and Half Day Road on I-94 and at Walters Avenue on I-294.

Construction is scheduled to be complete in 2026.

PROJECT SUMMARY

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

The Tollway is repairing the Waukegan Road Bridge over I-94 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.

Pavement repairs are scheduled near the Russel Road, Grand Avenue (Illinois Route 132), and Milwaukee Avenue (Illinois Route 21) interchanges along I-94 and at the I-294/I-90 Interchange.

Drainage system improvements and regrading are scheduled between Atkinson Road and Half Day Road along I-94 and Walters Avenue on I-294.

Pavement repairs are planned in other locations along I-94 and I-294. These are the locations that will require detours to accommodate repairs.

Central Tri-State Tollway Repairs (I-294)

Work at the Mile Long Bridge includes bridge deck repairs and overlay, as well as parapet and light pole replacement.

South Tri-State Tollway Repairs (I-294/I-80)

Bridge work is scheduled over the Cal Sag Channel, including bridge joint seal, bridge deck and approach slab repairs and bearing replacement.

Pavement repairs are scheduled near the Wood Street and the Calumet Expressway (Illinois Route 394) interchanges.

Customer Impacts

Lane closures and traffic shifts will be necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction.

Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

To complete pavement repair work, nightly ramp closures and detours will be needed. Ramps include: westbound I-94 to Russel Road, eastbound I-94 to Grand Avenue (Illinois Route 132), Milwaukee Avenue (Illinois Route 21) to westbound I-94, Wood Street to northbound I-294 and the Calumet Expressway (Illinois Route 394) to northbound I-294 will be required.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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 include up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at illinoistollway.com.



For more information,
visit www.illinoistollway.com or call 1-800-TOLL-FYI

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PURPOSE

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and bridges and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

These projects are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, ComEd, United States Coast Guard, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Union Pacific Railroad, Canadian National Railway, Metra, Lake County, Cook County, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- Illinoistollway.com — Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com/IllTollway) — Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.