

Systemwide Toll Plaza Repairs

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway is delivering improvements at toll plaza systemwide to support a barrier-free Tollway system, improve traffic operations, address aging infrastructure and eliminate roadway obstacles that are no longer necessary with the transition to cashless tolling.

In 2025, work is scheduled to be completed at the 163rd Street Toll Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and at the East Riverside Toll Plaza on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). Work is also scheduled to begin at nine mainline and ramp toll plaza locations systemwide.

PROJECT SUMMARY

A tiered approach was developed that prioritized structural, safety and operational considerations with room for future development at plazas with less immediate needs.

Tier 1 projects are underway as part of the Move Illinois capital program addressing plazas in need of operational enhancements. Tier 2 projects are beginning as part of the Bridging the Future capital plan in 2025 and will be coordinated with adjacent Tollway projects and focus on tolling approaches and modifications.

Improvements will include the removal of the toll plaza canopies and barrier walls and installation of new tolling infrastructure. Construction work will also include ramp pavement and shoulder work and electrical, lighting and signage improvements.

Toll plaza improvement projects will be scheduled as part of the Tollway's annual capital program. Projects scheduled to begin in 2025 include:

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

- Halsted Street Interchange – 2025
- 159th Street Interchange – 2025
- Northbound O'Hare Interchange – 2025
- Golf Road – 2025-2026

Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)

- River Road Toll Plaza – 2025-2026
- Illinois Route 53 Interchange – 2025-2026
- Arlington Heights Road Interchange
- Illinois Route 25 Interchange – 2025-2026
- Illinois Route 31 Interchange – 2025-2026

Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355)

- North Avenue Interchange – 2025-2026

Construction at these plazas is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Pace, Cook County, DuPage County and Winnebago County, as well as local governments and local fire and police departments.

This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, and the 7-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future capital plan.

Customer Impacts

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

Short and long-term ramp closures will be necessary to complete toll plaza improvements. In addition, shoulder closures and traffic shifts will be used to provide room for a work zone and safely accommodate traffic. Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that all Tollways and local roads remain 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.

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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 and 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.

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](http://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/illinoistollway) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.