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I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway is constructing a full-access interchange that will connect Franklin Avenue to the new I-490 Tollway and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and create direct access to the communities of Bensenville and Franklin Park.

The multi-phase project includes building new interchange ramps at Franklin Avenue and constructing a portion of I-490 Tollway mainline roadway, along with local road improvements on Acorn Lane and Franklin Avenue/Green Street to alleviate congestion and improve mobility.

In 2026, work includes construction of I-490 roadway and ramps providing access to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Local road construction will include reconfiguring and extending Acorn Lane and work by Cook County to reconstruct and rehabilitation portions of Franklin Avenue/Green Street.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange Project will enhance mobility and improve access to the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) for businesses, freight, and commuters in a key transportation corridor. The project includes:

- Construction of an interchange at Franklin Avenue providing direct access to I-490 and I-294. Four new ramps will be constructed with intersection improvements and traffic signals to improve safety and efficiency at local access points.
- Rehabilitation, reconstruction and widening of Franklin Avenue/Green Street by Cook County to provide increased capacity and improve traffic flow and the addition of a new shared-use path along Franklin Avenue/Green Street, to enhance pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.
- Improved drainage and stormwater management systems.

The interchange will be constructed and opened in phases:

- The first phase connecting Franklin Avenue/Green Street to the new I-490 Tollway and I-294 to create direct access to and from Bensenville and Franklin Park is scheduled to be complete in 2026.

- A future phase will complete and open the full Franklin Avenue interchange with access to northbound I-490.

Franklin Avenue/Green Street Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

As part of the I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange Project, Franklin Avenue/Green Street will be improved between York Road and Runge Road by Cook County.

Improvements include reconstructing and providing two lanes in both directions east of County Line Road and roadway rehabilitation work west of County Line Road. In addition, a shared-use path will be constructed.

Information about the work is available on Cook County's website at www.cookcountyiil.gov/content/green-street-and-franklin-avenue-improvement-project-0

Improvements on Franklin Avenue/Green Street are scheduled to be complete in 2026.

Acorn Avenue Improvements

The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing Acorn Lane to accommodate construction of the new I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange.

Work on Acorn Lane includes reconstruction of the existing roadway, as well as extending Acorn Lane to Addison Avenue and permanently closed at Franklin Avenue ending in a newly constructed cul-de-sac.

Work on Acorn Lane also includes installation of new water main, sanitary sewers and storm sewers.

Reconstruction of Acorn Lane is scheduled to be complete in 2026.

Customer Impacts

Local lane closures and traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate traffic during 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 accommodate construction, Acorn Lane will be closed to thru traffic, with lane shifts and temporary driveway closures



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needed during pavement removal and sewer installation. Lane closures and driveway impacts on Franklin Avenue/Green Street are also necessary.

PURPOSE

The I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange Project will improve mobility and provide enhanced access to businesses, freight facilities, and the communities of Bensenville and Franklin Park. The new interchange will create a critical connection between the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294), I-490 Tollway, and Franklin Avenue/Green Street, improving traffic flow and reducing congestion on local roads while supporting local and regional economic growth.

Designed to enhance regional and local mobility, the project includes new ramps, upgraded local roads, and drainage management improvements to support long-term transportation needs. These improvements will provide a seamless link Bensenville and Franklin Park and I-294. The new shared-use path along Franklin Avenue/Green Street will also enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.

The project is being coordinated with Cook County and the villages of Bensenville and Franklin Park, as well as Pace Suburban Bus and local fire and police departments. The project is funded, in part, by the Tollway's capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, as well as local roads, 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 and can include 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 – 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) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.