

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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LONG-TERM RAMP CLOSURES AND DETOURS SCHEDULED AT OGDEN AVENUE INTERCHANGE ON CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Closures required to reconstruct the ramps connecting westbound Ogden Avenue and southbound I-294 as part of the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Long-term closures and detours of two ramps connecting westbound Ogden Avenue and the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) are scheduled to begin in August and September and continue through fall as part of the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project to improve local access and traffic flow.

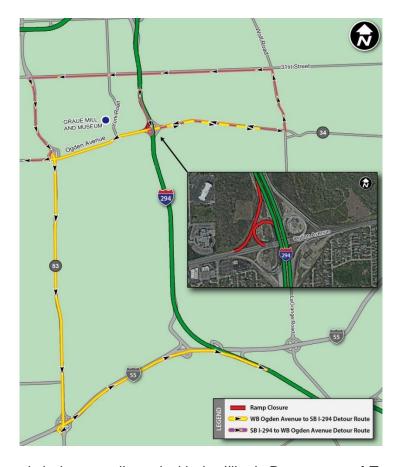
Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closures and detours as well as lane closures on I-294 needed to complete ramp reconstruction work. Up-to-date closure and detour information will be posted on the Tollway website and in the <u>Daily Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

On Thursday, August 14, beginning at 8 p.m. and continuing through October, the ramp connecting westbound Ogden Avenue to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close. A detour will be posted routing westbound Ogden Avenue traffic to southbound Illinois Route 83 (Kingery Highway) then to northbound I-55 to access southbound I-294.

Overnight lane closures will be put in place on Ogden Avenue and I-294 to close the ramp. Beginning at 8 p.m. on August 14, one westbound lane will be closed on Ogden Avenue at I-294. All lanes on Ogden Avenue are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Friday, August 15.

On Tuesday, September 2, beginning at 8 p.m. and continuing through November, the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to westbound Ogden Avenue the ramp is scheduled to close. A detour will be posted routing southbound I-294 traffic to eastbound Ogden Avenue then to Wolf Road, 31st Street, Illinois Route 83 (Kingery Highway) to access westbound Ogden Avenue.

Overnight lane closures will be put in place on I-294 to close the ramp. Beginning at 8 p.m. one southbound lane is scheduled to close on I-294 between 31st Street and Ogden Avenue. All lanes on southbound I-294 are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3.



Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Hinsdale, Village of Oak Brook, Village of Western Springs, Cook County Department of Transportation, DuPage County Division of Transportation, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Oak Brook Park District, as well as local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Tollway is investing \$8.9 million to reconfigure the Ogden Avenue Interchange to improve mobility and traffic flow for local drivers on Ogden Avenue and Tollway customers.

Construction began in 2022 and is scheduled to be complete in 2026.

To accommodate the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Ogden Avenue Interchange has been reconfigured from a cloverleaf design to a more efficient partial cloverleaf design. The Illinois Tollway has completed construction of one signalized access ramp from Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 by combining ramps on the east side of I-294. This included relocating the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue with access control at the new traffic signal. The ramps connecting westbound Ogden Avenue to southbound I-294 are being reconstructed in conjunction with roadway improvements on the mainline Tollway. The project also includes improvements to Ogden Avenue and bridge repairs, as well as noisewall construction and drainage and lighting improvements and landscaping.

Currently, up to 40,000 vehicles use the interchange daily with up to 33,600 vehicles traveling on Ogden Avenue in the area.

Information about the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.



Work Zone Safety

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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 13 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstructing the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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.