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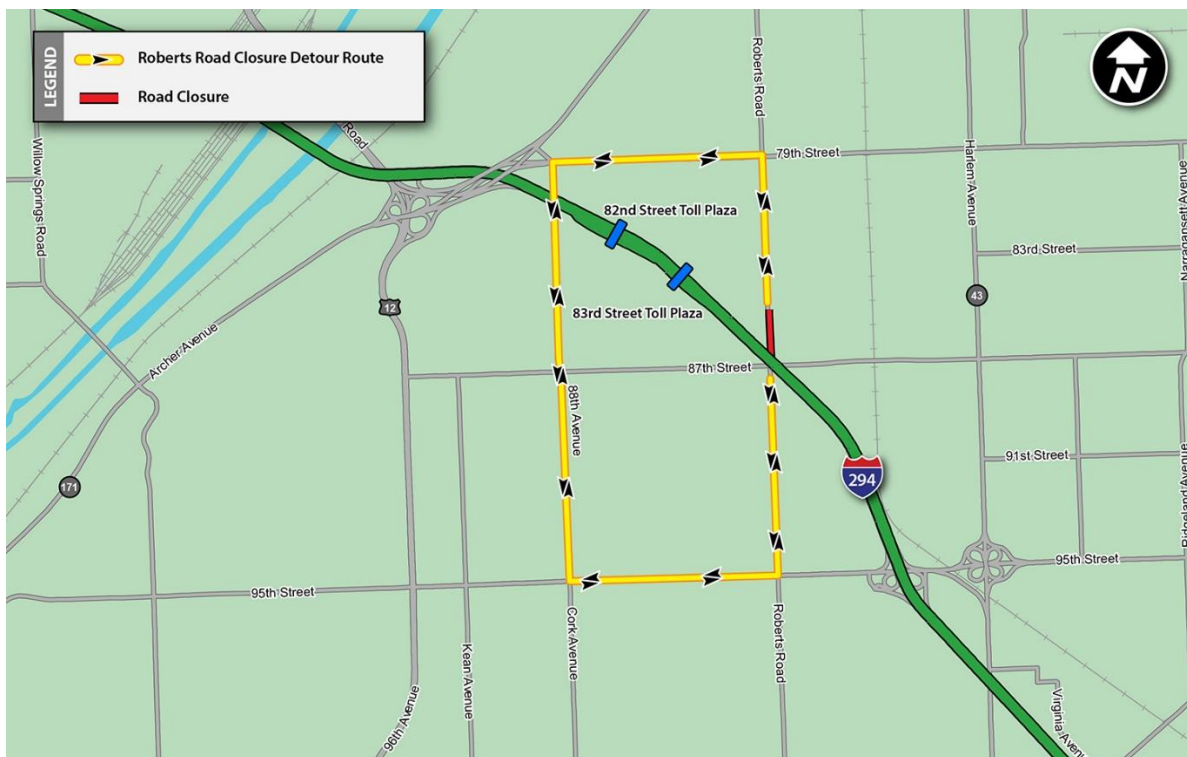
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OVERNIGHT CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON ROBERTS ROAD AND 87TH STREET FOR CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION WORK *Overnight detours on Roberts Road and 87th Street needed to safely accommodate bridge beam removal*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight road closures with detours will be scheduled on Roberts Road and 87th Street during the next two weeks to accommodate mainline bridge beam removal on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to each of the overnight closures. The temporary closures are necessary to safely accommodate the removal of bridge beams on I-294 over Roberts Road and 87th Street. Bridge beam removal will be scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. All work is weather dependent.

On Roberts Road under I-294, two nights of full roadway closure are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, and again at 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. A detour will be posted routing traffic via 95th Street, 88th Avenue/Cork Avenue and 79th Street. The road is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning. If needed, roadway closure and detour will be put in place overnight Friday, April 30, to Saturday, May 1, to complete the beam removal.



On 87th Street under I-294, two nights of full roadway closures will be scheduled during the week of May 3. The closures will begin at 9 p.m. each night and reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning. A detour will be posted routing traffic via Cork Avenue, 95th Street and Harlem Avenue. An additional night of full roadway closure and detour may be added if needed to complete the beam removal work.



To accommodate bridge replacement work, traffic is currently reduced in both directions on Roberts Road and 87th Street. Traffic will remain in this configuration through 2022 for bridge work. Traffic on I-294 between the 83rd Street Toll Plaza and 95th Street is currently shifted with two northbound lanes traveling in counterflow lanes on the southbound side of I-294.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Village of Burr Ridge, City of Countryside, City of Hickory Hills, Village of Hodgkins, Village of Indian Head, Village of Justice, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2021, the Illinois Tollway is continuing work on southern section of the Central Tri-State Project between I-55 and 95th Street, which includes rebuilding and widening the roadway to five lanes in both directions, including construction of new I-294 bridges over I-55, Flagg Creek, 87th Street and Roberts Road, as well as reconstructing shoulders including adding Flex Lanes. This work is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2023.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

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*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

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 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first nine years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and 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 Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project and reconstruction of 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.

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