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**CLOSURES AND DETOURS SCHEDULED THROUGH END OF YEAR
AT I-55 AND WOLF ROAD RAMPS ON CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**

Overnight lane closures and ramp closures required for mainline bridge and ramp reconstruction work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Long-term closures and detours are scheduled to begin in April on the ramps connecting the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to southbound I-55 and to Wolf Road for the reconstruction of the northbound I-294 bridge over I-55. The work is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. Delays are expected.

Also in April, up to two weeks of overnight intermittent, full closures on I-294 will be scheduled for bridge beam placement and up to a week of overnight intermittent, full closures on I-55 will be scheduled for bridge beam removal.

Electronic message and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers on I-294 and I-55 to the construction work zones, closures and ramp detours. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alerts](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of April 4, the ramps connecting northbound I-294 to southbound I-55 and to Wolf Road are scheduled to close with posted detours through the end of the year.

For northbound I-294 to southbound I-55, traffic will be detoured to northbound I-55 and routed through the LaGrange Road Interchange to access southbound I-55.

For northbound I-294 to Wolf Road, traffic will be detoured to 75th Street and routed to Willow Springs Road and Joliet Road to access Wolf Road.



In April, temporary, overnight lane closures will be scheduled on I-55 under I-294 for bridge beam removal, as part of work to reconstruct I-294 mainline bridges. Lane closures and durations will vary, with the roadway reduced to a single lane at times, and will include intermittent, full closures in both directions on I-55. About one week of closures will be needed.

Also, in April, temporary, overnight lane closures will be scheduled on I-294 between Plainfield Road and Joliet Road for bridge beam placement, as part of work to reconstruct the ramp connecting northbound I-55 to northbound I-294. Lane closures and durations will vary, with the roadway reduced to a single lane at times, and will include intermittent, full closures in both directions on I-294. One week of closures will be needed for work in each direction. Information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alerts](#).

In 2022, the Tollway's work at the I-55 Interchange will continue the rebuilding and widening of I-294 between 75th Street and I-55. As part of this work, the ramp connecting I-55 to northbound I-294 will be reconstructed, along with the northbound I-294 bridges over I-55, Wolf Road, Joliet Road and Flagg Creek. Additional work includes the reconstruction of the Plainfield Road Bridge over I-294 and the northbound ramp to the Hinsdale Oasis. Construction in this area is scheduled to be complete in 2025.

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

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 Illinois Tollway reconstruction of ramps and bridges in the I-55 Interchange area are necessary to accommodate the rebuilding and widening of I-294, as well as to reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues as well as infrastructure conditions.

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 10 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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