



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) FOR BRIDGE BEAM REMOVAL AT THE HINSDALE OASIS**

*Reduced lanes and intermittent full roadway closures planned through mid-July*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Temporary, overnight lane closures, including intermittent full closures, are scheduled to begin this week on the Tri-State (I-294) at the Hinsdale Oasis for removal of the bridge beams on the over-the-road pavilion structure.

The temporary closures on I-294 are necessary to safely accommodate bridge beam removal, with work scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Between Tuesday, July 5, and Friday, July 15, up to three nights of lane closures in each direction will be needed for beam removal, with work scheduled first on southbound I-294 and then on northbound I-294.

The overnight lane closures will be scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. with a single lane closure, followed by a second lane closure at 10 p.m. and a third lane closure at 11 p.m. Intermittent, full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to begin at 12 a.m. and be complete by 4 a.m. All lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. in advance of the morning rush hour.

The Hinsdale Oasis fuel stations and convenience stores operated by 7-Eleven remain open to provide services for both northbound and southbound travelers along I-294. During removal of bridge beams, the ramp will be open for fuel station access, except when overnight, full traffic stops are in place.

Removing the Hinsdale Oasis will allow I-294 to be widened to six lanes in each direction between the I-55 Interchange and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) as part of the Tollway's Central Tri-State Tollway Project. In 2019, the Tollway began advance work to prepare for roadway construction including the reconstruction of the bridges carrying Plainfield Road, the I-55 ramp and the BNSF railroad over I-294, as well as the relocation of the pedestrian bridge connecting the villages of Hinsdale and Western Springs.

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.

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](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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