



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON ELMHURST ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)**

*Northbound Elmhurst Road scheduled to be reduced to a single lane over I-90  
throughout summer for bridge repairs*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Bridge repair work is scheduled to begin next week on the Elmhurst Road Bridge carrying traffic over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with long-term lane closures reducing northbound Elmhurst Road traffic to a single lane through July.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures for bridge and barrier wall repairs. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of May 22, northbound Elmhurst Road traffic is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane to accommodate traffic and a construction work zone. Repair work will require closure of two outside lanes through June, followed by closure of the two inside lanes through July. The turn lanes for the diverging diamond interchange will remain open throughout the work.

In addition, on the ramp connecting eastbound I-90 to northbound Elmhurst Road traffic will be reduced to a single lane throughout the repair work. Traffic exiting to southbound Elmhurst Road will not be impacted and two lanes will remain open for those customers.

All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of August.

All work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, local communities, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2023, the Illinois Tollway is repairing Meacham Road and Elmhurst Road bridges on I-90 in Cook County, as well as on Lake Cook Road over the Tri-State Tollway (I-94). Repair work includes barrier wall, pavement and bridge joint replacement, and bridge bearing repairs.

The local crossroad bridges are being repaired to extend the life of the structures. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway's Move Illinois capital program.

Maps and construction information about the I-90 bridge repair work are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [illinoistollway.com](http://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.

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.

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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 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 years of *Move Illinois* are 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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