



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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LOCAL ROAD REPAIRS, RESURFACING SCHEDULED IN POSEN, DIXMOOR AS PART OF THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)/I-57 INTERCHANGE PROJECT
Work will require lane closures through summer on local roads.

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin repair and resurfacing work on local roads throughout Posen and Dixmoor as part of the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project.

Local road and infrastructure improvements will include replacement of the existing pavement on segments of Veterans Drive, Blaine Avenue, Palmer Avenue, 149th Street and 150th Street in Posen, as well as Spaulding Avenue under I-57 in Dixmoor. In places, some sidewalk and shoulder repair work is also scheduled. In addition, pavement sealing work is scheduled on a segment of 142nd Street/Leavitt Avenue in Dixmoor.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to lane closures needed to complete the improvements. 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 July 31, paving operations will begin with up to half of each road closed at a time and flaggers used to maintain bi-directional traffic. Local roads scheduled for improvements include Veterans Drive, Blaine Avenue, Palmer Avenue, 149th Street and 150th Street in Posen, as well as Spaulding Avenue in Dixmoor. The work is scheduled to take place over several weeks.

Lane closures will continue as needed. The local roadway improvements in Posen and Dixmoor are scheduled to be complete by the end of summer.

This work is part of the second phase of the I-294/I-57 Interchange Project. In September 2022, the Tollway completed and opened four new ramps to connect southbound I-57 to I-294 and I-294 to northbound I-57, including a flyover ramp bridge. Additional work on this project includes the reconstruction of the I-57 median and the widening of the I-57 mainline, as well as drainage improvements, erosion and sediment control, retaining wall and bridge construction.

Maps and construction information about the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project is available in the Project's section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The \$719 million I-294/I-57 Interchange Project is funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Tollway.

The new interchange is improving travel by providing customers with completed access between the two interstates. For the first time, the new I-294/I-57 Interchange provides motorists with access between I-294 and I-57, including a new interchange at 147th Street. The complete interchange will reduce congestion on local routes, enhance economic development and improve regional mobility. The new interstate-to-interstate connection better serves commuters and freight operators while opening access for local communities.

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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.

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 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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