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WEEKEND-LONG LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED BETWEEN 75TH STREET AND I-55 FOR THE CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) PROJECT

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Weekend-long lane closures are scheduled this weekend on the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 75th Street and I-55 with traffic reduced to two lanes as part of the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway. Delays are expected.

The lane closures are necessary to accommodate pouring and curing of new concrete pavement for the median and inside lanes on northbound I-294 and work has been scheduled over the weekend to minimize the impact on daily commuters. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

On Friday, September 8, beginning at 7 p.m. one lane on northbound I-294 will close, followed by the closure of a second lane at 8 p.m. Two lanes will remain open to traffic throughout the work zone with all lanes scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, September 11. Access from 75th Street to I-294 and to northbound I-55 from northbound I-294 will remain open to traffic.

If work cannot be completed during this time, similar closures will be scheduled for the following weekend.

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

Work in south section of the Central Tri-State Project between I-55 and 95th Street 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 roadway shoulders including adding Flex Lanes. Construction in the southern section of Central Tri-State Tollway Project started in 2019 with the Mile Long Bridge Project and is scheduled for completion in 2024.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is 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.

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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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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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