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PAVEMENT REPAIRS SCHEDULED ON SOUTHBOUND TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) BETWEEN 147TH STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE

Closures scheduled to begin this weekend and continue into fall

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Pavement repairs are scheduled to begin this weekend and continue into October on southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 147th Street and Western Avenue and will require ongoing weekend lane closures reducing southbound I-294 to a single lane at times.

Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to lanes closures. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Overnight Friday, September 8, traffic on southbound I-294 between 147th Street and the 163rd Street Toll Plaza is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane for pavement repair work with the two lanes closing at 8 p.m. and a third at 11 p.m. One lane is scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. on Saturday, September 9. The other two lanes will remain closed for concrete curing. All lanes are scheduled to reopen open by 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 10.

The work on southbound I-294 will be scheduled over five weekends. Northbound I-294 pavement repairs in this area will also be scheduled to begin this fall.

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. 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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