



Ogden Avenue Interchange Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

As part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, the Ogden Avenue Interchange Project is providing improvements on Ogden Avenue and the bridge over I-294, as well as reconfigured ramps on the east side of I-294 to improve access and traffic flow.

In 2024, work includes completing the removal of the old ramp connecting eastbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 and drainage and barrier wall improvements, as well as ongoing mainline reconstruction.

Construction began in 2022 and is scheduled to be complete in 2026.

PROJECT SUMMARY

To accommodate the widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway, the Ogden Avenue Interchange has been reconfigured from a cloverleaf design to a partial cloverleaf design.

The Illinois Tollway has combined ramps on the east side of I-294 to create one signalized access ramp from Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 and the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue has been relocated with access control at the new traffic signal.

In addition, work includes improvements to Ogden Avenue and bridge repairs. The project also includes noisewall construction and drainage and lighting improvements and landscaping .

Ramp Reconfiguration

A new ramp was constructed to connect northbound I-294 to eastbound Ogden Avenue. Access to northbound I-294 was combined for eastbound and westbound Ogden Avenue via a new traffic signal, construction of a new left turn lane and realignment of the ramp that previously connected westbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294. The old ramp connecting eastbound Ogden Avenue to northbound I-294 is being removed.

Ogden Avenue

Improvements on Ogden Avenue included repairs and median reconstruction on the existing bridge over I-294. In addition, on eastbound Ogden Avenue a new left turn lane was constructed to provide access to northbound I-294 and the merge lane was extended to provide vehicles exiting the Tollway with additional distance to merge.

Customer Impacts

The Ogden Avenue Interchange will remain open to traffic during construction. Tollway will use traffic shifts and lane reductions when possible to maintain access, however temporary closures and detours will be scheduled as needed to safely accommodate construction work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

In 2024, overnight ramp closures with posted detours will be scheduled, as will long-term lane closures on Ogden Avenue.

PURPOSE

The Illinois Tollway is investing \$8.9 million for reconfiguring the Ogden Avenue Interchange to improve mobility and traffic flow for local drivers on Ogden Avenue and Tollway customers. Currently up to 40,000 vehicles use the interchange daily with up to 33,600 vehicles traveling on Ogden Avenue in the area.

Improvements at the Ogden Avenue Interchange area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and local communities including the Village of Hinsdale, Village of Oak Brook and the Village of Western Springs. The improvement is just one component of a future project to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow in the area. The Tollway also agreed to partner with IDOT to conduct an engineering study to evaluate a broader improvement at the I-294/Ogden Avenue interchange.

Improvements to the Ogden Avenue Interchange area are part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project, which is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update

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old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs.

This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 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

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that Ogden Avenue and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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 Ogden Avenue and on I-294 work zone speed limits will be 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.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at illinoistollway.com.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- illinoistollway.com – Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway

Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.