



## Central Tri-State Tollway Roadway and Bridge Repairs

### OVERVIEW

In 2024, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled pavement and bridge repairs along the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294), from Dempster Street to Touhy Avenue, as well as pavement repairs throughout the corridor.

Additional work includes median barrier and noisewall repairs as well as improvements to roadway drainage, fiber-optic cable systems, utilities, over-the-road electronic message signs, roadway cameras and ramp queue detection systems.

This work began this spring and is scheduled to be complete in 2025.

### SUMMARY

Work on the Tri-State Tollway will include concrete pavement repairs in both directions between Higgins Road and Sanders Road.

Additionally, ramp repairs are needed at the Dempster Street and Touhy Avenue Interchanges. Work includes asphalt milling and resurfacing and concrete pavement patching.

Additional work along the corridor includes roadway drainage, utility conduit and fiber-optic cable improvements; median barrier and noisewall repairs; and over-the-road electronic message sign, roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation.

### Customer Impacts

Lane closures and traffic shifts will be necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction.

Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

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.

However, overnight ramp closures and detours will be needed on four ramps connecting I-294 to Touhy Avenue and four ramps connecting I-294 to Dempster Street.

### PURPOSE

These roadway and bridge repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and bridges and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

These projects were coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, ComEd, Cook County, DuPage County and Will County, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments.

### WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) remains 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.

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](http://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](http://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.