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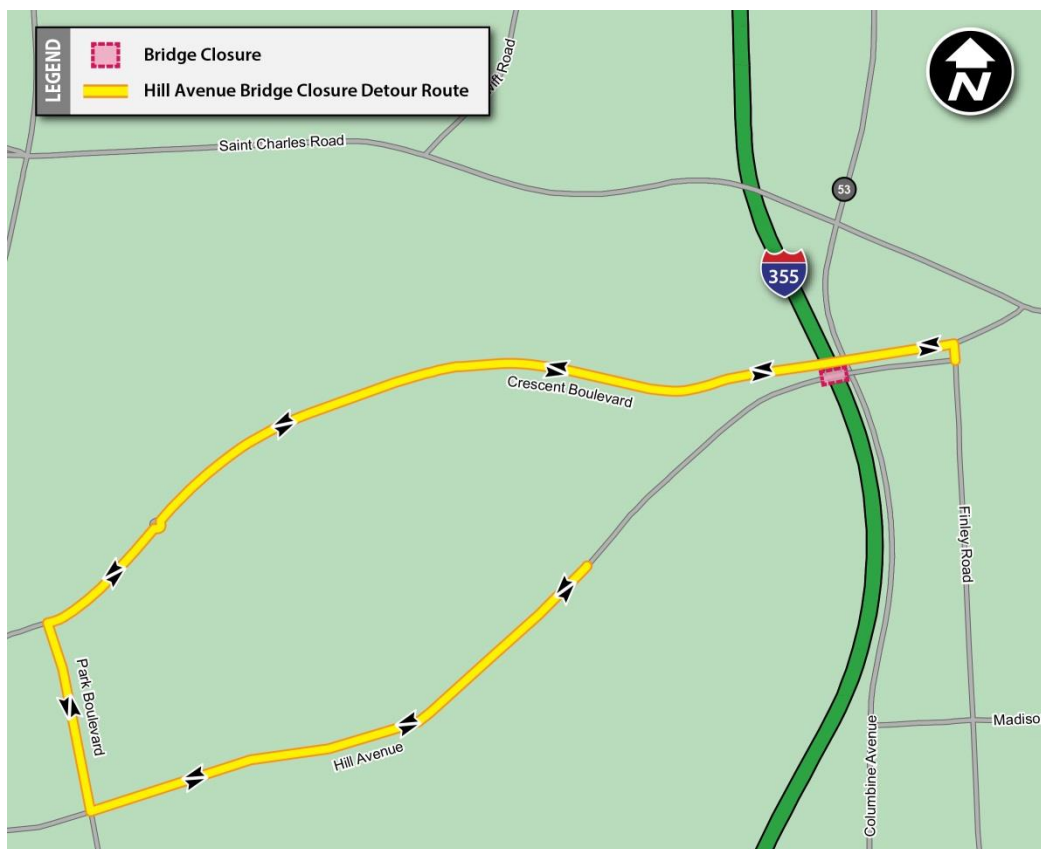
BRIDGE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON THE VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) IN GLEN ELLYN

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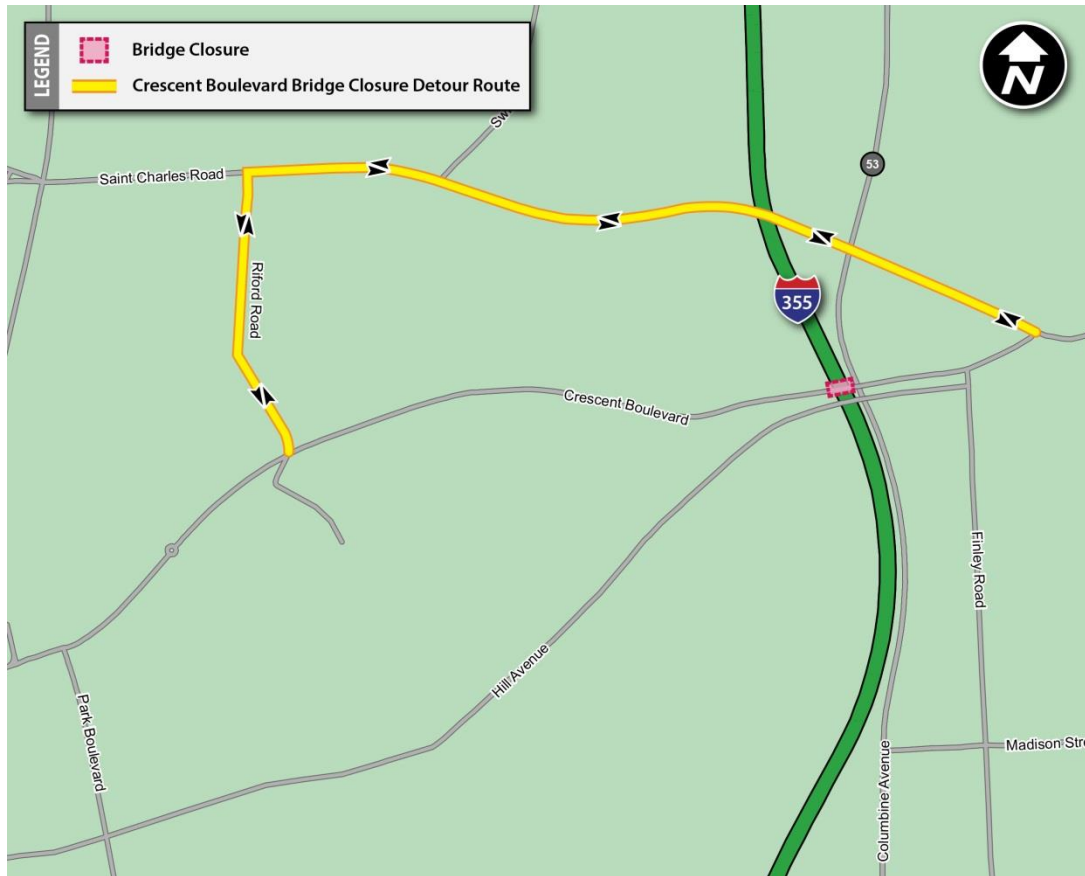
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin repair work next week on local crossroad bridges carrying traffic over the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) including the Hill Avenue and Crescent Boulevard bridges in Glen Ellyn.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the start of construction and closures. When possible, the Tollway will stage construction so bridges can remain open to traffic during repairs. However, the full closure of some bridges is necessary because the local crossroad bridges over I-355 are too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely completing the work.

On Monday, April 8, work is scheduled to begin at the Hill Avenue Bridge. The bridge will close to traffic for one week and a detour will be posted routing traffic to Crescent Boulevard and Park Boulevard.



Once work is complete at Hill Avenue, the Crescent Boulevard Bridge is scheduled to close for a week and a detour will be posted routing traffic to Riford Road and Saint Charles Road.



Work on these bridges includes bridge deck patching and expansion joint seal replacement.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County the Village of Glen Ellyn and local fire and police departments.

In 2019, the Illinois Tollway is completing roadway, bridge and ramp work throughout the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355). All work is scheduled to be complete in summer 2019. The improvements are funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information about the I-355 Roadway Resurfacing and Repair work is available on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) and local roads 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 \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 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 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first seven years of *Move Illinois* is 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 planning for emerging projects, including 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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