



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **WEEKEND-LONG LANE, RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR BRIDGE WORK ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) AT OGDEN AVENUE**

*Closures needed for bridge repair work; additional closures needed next weekend*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) will be reduced to two lanes over the weekend and the ramp from Ogden Avenue to southbound I-355 will be closed for repair work on the mainline bridge over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane and ramp closures. The closures are necessary to safely accommodate traffic and provide a work zone for resurfacing on the ramp. Repairs have been scheduled for the weekend when traffic volumes are lower. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway promotes safety of both drivers and workers as we plan and deliver roadway repairs,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on our customers and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits.”

On Saturday, August 17, at 6 p.m. one lane in both directions on I-355 between Maple Avenue and Ogden Avenue is scheduled to close, with a second lane in both directions closing at 7 p.m. Lane reductions will also be put in place on the ramp connecting northbound I-355 to eastbound I-88. All lanes will reopen by 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 18.

In addition, the ramp connecting Ogden Avenue to southbound I-355 is scheduled to close to traffic at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 17. No detour will be posted, however drivers will be able to access southbound I-355 via the nearby Maple Avenue Interchange or at the Butterfield Road Interchange. The ramp will reopen by 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 18.

Additional mainline lane closures on I-355 will be required next weekend to complete the repairs including bridge deck patching and expansion joint seal replacement.

The repair work and detours are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County and local fire and police departments.

In 2019, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway, bridge and ramp work on I-355 between Army Trail Road and I-55. Work includes repairs to bridges at Boughton Road, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Butterfield Road, Hill Avenue, North Avenue and Crescent Boulevard. Repairs are also scheduled on the ramps at Army Trail Road, North Avenue (Illinois Route 64), Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38), Butterfield Road (Illinois Route 56), the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), Ogden Avenue (Illinois Route 34), Maple Avenue, 63rd Street, 75th Street, Boughton Road and I-55. All work is scheduled to be complete in 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](http://illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

### **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.

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.

### **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) – Interactive Tollway Map for construction and live roadway images.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) – Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com/illinoistollway) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **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* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning for emerging projects.

### **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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