



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES, DETOURS SCHEDULED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355) AT OGDEN AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE INTERCHANGES** *Overnight lane and ramp closures scheduled next week for pavement work*

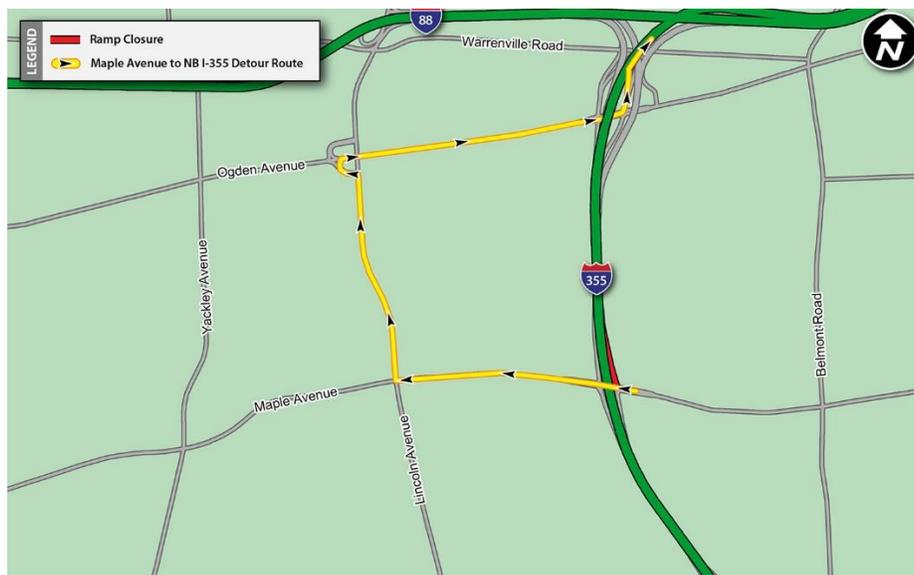
**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight lane closures and ramp closures and detours are scheduled to begin next week between Maple Avenue and Ogden Avenue for ongoing repair work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) bridge over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway in Downers Grove.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of lane closures and ramp detours. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

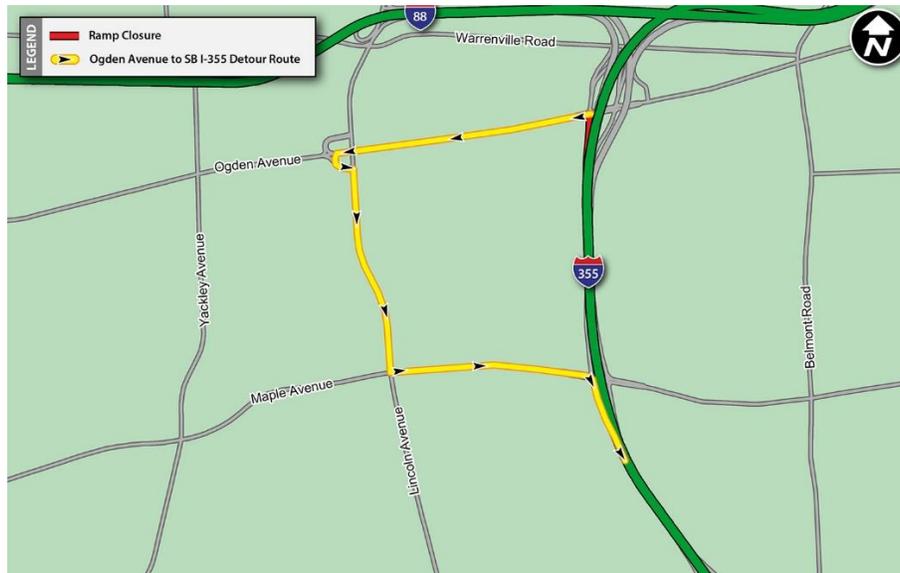
Four nights of overnight closures are scheduled to begin Monday, October 23, with up to three lanes in both directions scheduled to close on I-355 between Maple Avenue and Ogden Avenue for pavement work. The overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. with all lanes will reopening each morning ahead of rush hour traffic.

In addition, two nights of ramps closures with posted detours will be scheduled on the ramps connecting Maple Avenue to northbound I-355 and Ogden Avenue to southbound I-355.

The ramp connecting Maple Avenue to northbound I-355 is scheduled to close at 7 p.m. each night and reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning. A detour will be posted routing Maple Avenue traffic to Lincoln Avenue and Ogden Avenue to access northbound I-355.



The ramp connecting Ogden Avenue to southbound I-355 is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. and reopen by 6 a.m. the following morning. A detour will be posted routing Ogden Avenue traffic to Lincoln Avenue and Maple Avenue to access southbound I-355.



In 2023, the Illinois Tollway is repairing the I-355 mainline bridge over the BNSF Railway in Downers Grove. Work includes removing the existing asphalt surface, repairing the concrete bridge deck and joints and overlaying a new asphalt surface. Work is scheduled to be complete in 2024.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) repair projects are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) 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 and can include 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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