



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ACCESS TO THE HINSDALE OASIS RESTRICTED FROM I-55 TO NORTHBOUND I-294 RAMP AS PART OF CENTRAL TRI-STATE (I-294) PROJECT**

*Work is part of the northbound I-294 mainline pavement and ramp reconstruction*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Beginning this week and continuing through mid-November, traffic traveling from I-55 to the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) will not have access to the Hinsdale Oasis as work continues to reconstruct the Central Tri-State (I-294) Tollway. Traffic traveling on I-294 will retain access to the oasis.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to overnight lane and shoulder closures, traffic shifts and ramp access restrictions. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

During the week of October 30, overnight lane closures are scheduled on northbound I-294 between Joliet Road and the Hinsdale Oasis with a single right lane closure beginning at 8 p.m. for pavement striping and barrier wall work. In addition, the ramp carrying traffic from northbound I-294 to the Hinsdale Oasis is scheduled to close at 10 p.m. and reopen by 4 a.m. the following morning. All lanes on I-294 are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning.

When pavement striping and barrier wall work is complete, traffic on the ramp connecting I-55 to northbound I-294 will no longer have access to the Hinsdale Oasis. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration through mid-November.

The reduced oasis access is needed to complete lighting, utility and drainage work, as well as construction of pavement, retaining and noisewall needed to shift traffic into winter construction configuration.

Once this work is complete, all traffic on northbound I-294 between Plainfield Road and Cermak Road, as well as the traffic traveling from the I-55 ramp to northbound I-294, is scheduled to shift to the right with a work zone in the middle. Southbound I-294 is currently shifted to the right and will remain so through winter.

In 2023, work in this area includes construction of the northbound mainline pavement, shoulder work, reconstruction of the I-294 bridge over Salt Creek, noisewall construction and storm sewer and utility work.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Indian Head Park, Village of Burr Ridge, Village of Hinsdale, Village of Western Springs, Cook County Department of Transportation, as well as local fire and police departments.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

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The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95<sup>th</sup> Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 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**

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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is 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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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.

### **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 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 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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