

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED AT EAST RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Work scheduled to begin this week requiring overnight ramp closure and traffic shifts

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin work to deliver traffic improvements at the East Riverside Boulevard Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) this week, including removing the canopy and median barrier wall at the ramp toll plaza in Winnebago County.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to traffic shifts and closures. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the <u>Daily</u> <u>Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

On Tuesday, May 28, traffic on the ramp carrying traffic from East Riverside Boulevard to eastbound I-90 is scheduled to shift to the left to create a workzone on the right. In addition, a full closure of the ramp will be scheduled overnight, Thursday, May 30, beginning at 10 p.m. and reopening by 5 a.m. on Friday, May 31. No detour will be posted.

Work will include installation of a toll plaza monotube as well as ramp pavement and shoulder replacement and electrical, lighting and signage improvements.

Traffic shifts on the ramp will be scheduled through summer and up to three additional nights of full closures of the ramp will be needed to complete the work. All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Closures are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Winnebago County and City of Loves Park, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2024, the Illinois Tollway is making improvements at toll plaza systemwide to improve traffic flow and mobility. The scheduled improvements prioritize structural, safety and operational considerations. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at <u>illinoistollway.com</u>.

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 \$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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 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).

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.