



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK ON RAMP CONNECTING THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY TO I-290**

*Ramp closure and detour needed for three nights for pavement repairs*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Temporary, overnight closures of the ramp connecting the eastbound Illinois Route 390 Tollway to westbound I-290 are scheduled next week for pavement maintenance work. A detour will be posted.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detour. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate repair work. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway prioritizes the safety of both drivers and workers when planning for roadway maintenance and repairs,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “While roadwork detours are inconvenient for drivers, the closures are necessary to provide a safe work zone for construction workers and completion of the repair work.”

On Tuesday, April 14, the ramp carrying traffic from the eastbound Illinois Route 390 Tollway to westbound I-290 is scheduled to close at 7 p.m. and traffic will be detoured. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15. Similar closures are scheduled overnight Wednesday, April 15 into Thursday, April 16, and Thursday into Friday, April 17.

The posted detour will traffic to the Prospect Avenue exit and route traffic through the interchange and back on to westbound Illinois Route 390 where drivers will be able to exit to westbound I-290. While the detour is in place, no tolls will be taken at the Park Boulevard Toll Plaza in either direction.



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Full closures of the ramp are being scheduled overnight to minimize the impact to daily traffic. The repair work and detours are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and the Village of Itasca, along with local police and fire departments. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#).

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 Tollway 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 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first eight 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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