



Move Illinois:  
*The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 173 AND EAST RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) NORTH OF ROCKFORD**

*All ramps and toll plazas remain open during construction*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Ramp repairs requiring long-term lane closures at the Illinois Route 173 and East Riverside Boulevard Interchanges on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) north of Rockford are scheduled to begin next week and continue into fall.

The Illinois Tollway is repairing pavement, guardrails, barrier walls, curbs and gutters on the ramps at the Illinois Route 173 and East Riverside Boulevard Interchanges. All work is scheduled to be complete this fall. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance on each ramp to alert drivers to the scheduled lane closures.

While ramp repairs are underway, no more than one toll collection lane at each ramp plaza will be closed at a time. Each of the plazas has one automatic coin machine and one I-PASS or Pay Online lane. I-PASS customers will have access at all times, while cash customers will be directed to pay tolls online at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) within the Illinois Tollway's seven-day grace period when lanes with automatic coin machines are closed. I-PASS is accepted at all times in cash lanes throughout the Tollway system.

**Illinois Route 173 (Plaza 4) Interchange**

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin the week of July 13 and be complete in mid-August on the eastbound entrance and westbound exit ramps at I-90 and Illinois Route 173. Work will begin with the closure of the cash lanes at each of the two ramp toll plazas for approximately two weeks. Once complete, the I-PASS or Pay Online lanes at each of the two ramp toll plazas will close for approximately two weeks. Cash customers accessing the Tollway via the I-PASS lanes will need to pay online within seven days of using the toll plaza. Up to 4,590 vehicles use the two ramps on a daily basis.

**East Riverside Boulevard (Plaza 2) Interchange**

Work is scheduled to begin in mid-August and be complete in mid-September on the eastbound entrance and westbound exit ramps at I-90 and East Riverside Boulevard, after all work is complete at the Illinois Route 173 Interchange. Work will begin with the closure of the cash lanes at each of the two ramp toll plazas for approximately two weeks. Once complete, the I-PASS or Pay Online lanes at each of the two ramp toll plazas will close for approximately two weeks. Cash customers accessing the Tollway via the I-PASS lanes will need to pay online within seven days of using the toll plaza. Up to 7,270 vehicles use the two ramps on a daily basis.

The Tollway is coordinating work at the Illinois Route 173 and East Riverside Boulevard Interchanges with the cities of Rockford and Loves Park, the village of Machesney Park and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

### **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. Drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

### **Illinois Tollway Keeps Drivers Informed**

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure and travel information
- [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times
- [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

### **About Move Illinois**

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21<sup>st</sup> century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Project, Illiana Expressway and other 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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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