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## **BRADLEY ROAD BRIDGE LONG-TERM CLOSURE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK OVER THE NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94) IN LAKE COUNTY**

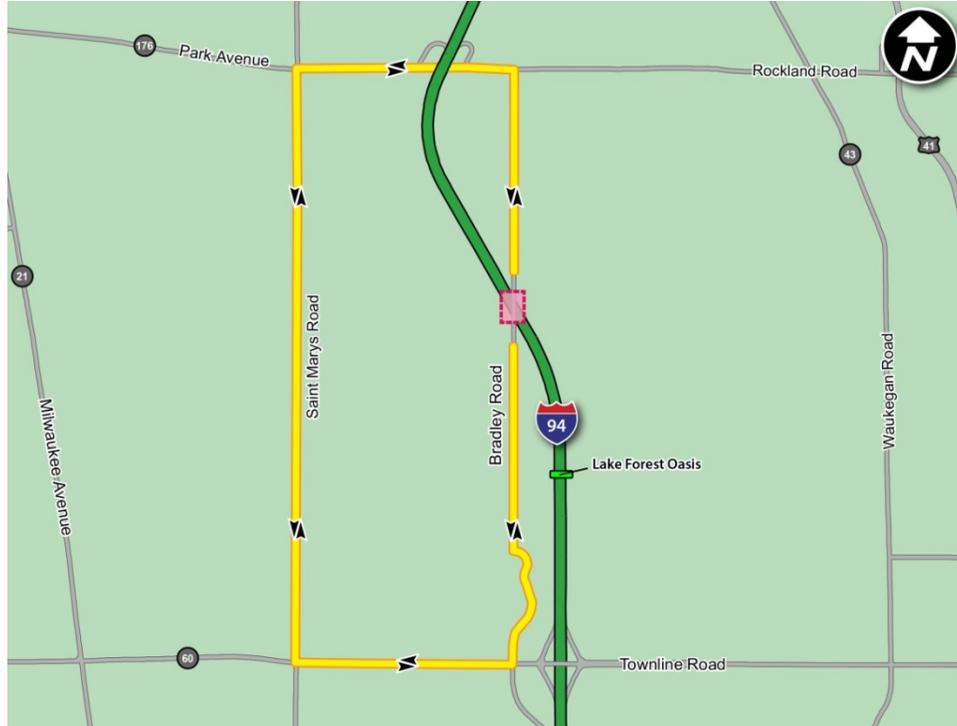
*Extended closures needed through September for local crossroad bridge reconstruction*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Full closure of the Bradley Road Bridge carrying traffic over the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) in Lake County is scheduled to begin next week for bridge reconstruction. The bridge is scheduled to remain closed through September.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the bridge closure and posted detour.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway will rebuild the Bradley Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-94 to replace the existing bridge built in the 1950s and provide a new longer and wider bridge to provide two, 12-foot lanes and 8-foot shoulders. Up to 4,500 vehicles use the Bradley Road Bridge daily.

Weather permitting, on Wednesday, May 30, the bridge will close and a detour will be posted directing Bradley Road traffic along Rockland Road (Illinois Route 176), St. Mary's Road and Town Line Road.



The full closure of the Bradley Road Bridge is necessary because the local crossroad bridge over I-94 is too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely completing the reconstruction work.

The Bradley Road Bridge is scheduled to reopen to traffic by the end of September. All work is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2019.

Maps, construction and detour information about the Atkinson Road Bridge repairs are available on the Tollway's website at [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway Map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

The Bradley Road Bridge reconstruction is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Lake County, as well as local municipalities, school districts, fire and police departments.

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the bridge and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) and Bradley Road remain 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.

In addition, 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 \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 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.

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Travelmidwest.com](http://Travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times.
- [Twitter.com](http://Twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **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 six 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) and planning for 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 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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