



## Flagg Creek Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway is relocating existing Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District sewer lines adjacent to the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in advance of mainline roadway reconstruction and widening.

This work began in 2020 and is scheduled to be complete in 2021.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

To accommodate roadway and infrastructure improvements planned as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, the Illinois Tollway will relocate portions of the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District's sanitary sewer lines.

Relocation of these sewer lines is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021, before work to rebuild and widen the Central Tri-state Tollway can begin in this area. In conjunction with this work, replacement noisewalls and new retaining walls and noisewalls also will be constructed.

The Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District maintains 42-inch, 48-inch and 60-inch sanitary sewer lines adjacent to and underneath I-294 in the area between I-55 and Ogden Avenue.

On the west side of I-294, sewer line replacement locations include from I-55 to Plainfield Road and from north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Bridge to Ogden Avenue. On the east side of I-294, sewer work is planned from Plainfield Road to Hinsdale Oasis.

In addition, sewer lines underneath the Tollway will be replaced at several locations including at the ramp from southbound I-294 to I-55, north of Plainfield Road, north of 47<sup>th</sup> Street and north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Bridge.

### Local Impacts

As the Tollway's contractors prepare to begin the sanitary sewer line replacement, minimal tree clearing and in some locations, temporary noisewall removal will be needed within the project limits to provide access to the sewer pipes and to construct retaining walls on Tollway right-of-way.

Contractors will install temporary, 8-foot chain-link fencing with dark mesh to create a safe work zone while limiting sight and nuisances.

Noisewalls are scheduled to be removed and replaced between Ogden Avenue and 55th Street in Hinsdale and new noisewall installed just north of Plainfield Road in Burr Ridge, heading south along ramp from southbound I-294 to I-55. Noisewalls will be constructed after sewer replacement work is complete. Information on noisewall construction associated with the Central Tri-State Project is available [online](#).

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating construction with local municipalities and will notify community leaders and residents with specifics about construction and schedules for work activities prior to the start of work in their areas. Scheduled work near residential areas will include:

- Work near the Heatherfields neighborhood in Burr Ridge began in 2020 and is scheduled to be complete this year. The residential path parallel to I-294 will be temporarily closed behind the homes on St. James Court and Manor Drive. The path will be reopened once construction in this area is complete this spring.
- Work in the area near Tomlin Drive in Burr Ridge began in 2020 and is scheduled to be completed in early 2021.
- Work in the area near the Timber Trails neighborhood in Western Springs began in 2020 and is schedule continue through spring 2021.
- Work in the area near 55th Street and I-294 in Western Springs is scheduled to be complete in summer 2021.
- Work in the area between the BNSF Railway Bridge and Walnut Street in Western Springs is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.
- Work in the area between Hinsdale Adventist Academy and Ogden Avenue in Hinsdale scheduled to be complete in summer 2021.
- Work will also impact small portions of Veeck Park in Hinsdale and Spring Rock Park in Western Springs.

Residents with questions or concerns can contact the Tollway's project team via email at

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### Customer Impacts

On I-294, lane and shoulder closures and traffic shifts will be necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction. Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

While lane and shoulder closures will be scheduled on auxiliary lanes and ramps connecting to the Hinsdale Oasis, access to the oasis will be maintained throughout construction.

### PURPOSE

The Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District sewer line relocation is part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project, which 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.

Construction in this area was coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and Village of Burr Ridge, Village of Hinsdale, Indian Head Park and Village of Western Springs, Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District, the Heatherfields Homeowner Association and Timber Trails Homeowner Association, as well as local fire and police departments.

### WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and the railroad 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. 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.

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.

### 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) – Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://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.