

# **Rebuilding And Expanding The Illinois Tollway With Minimal Impact To The Daily** Customer

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## **Illinois Tollway**

292-mile system comprised of five tollways

**Opened in 1958 as a bypass** around Chicago to connect Indiana and Wisconsin

Carries more than 1.6 million vehicles per day

#### **User-fee system**

- Only customers who use the Tollway pay for the Tollway
- No state or federal tax dollars used for maintenance and operations



## **Redefining Transportation**



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## **Commitment To Customer Service**

## Goal is to minimize impacts to customers and maximize safety

- Maintain customer focus throughout all phases of project delivery
- Maximize productivity and accelerate construction when possible
- Build and operate smarter roads
- Take advantage of industry research
- Keep the public informed along the way



## **Planning Criteria To Keep Things Moving**

Systemwide impacts

**Combine corridor work** 

Large versus small projects

**Deliver projects in usable sections** 





## **Design Approach To Reduce Impacts**

Avoid closing lanes during peak hours

Minimize impacts to traffic to offpeak or nighttime hours (prestage or rehabilitation type work only)



Mitigate impacts by evaluating a major impact over a shorter duration versus a multi-year impact on the same corridor



## **Maintenance Of Traffic Strategies**

#### **Use counterflow lanes**

## Shift all traffic to one side of the median

#### Stage construction in 5-mile increments on low-volume interstates



Shift inside to build outside lanes and then reverse

Detours are not typically an option



### Lane Closure Guide

**Developed for entire system** 

Provides allowable hours to close lanes on every segment of the Tollway 24/7

Allows easy evaluation of shorter-term utility and rehabilitation work

Route: Tri-State Tollway (I-294)				Directi	ion: Northbo	Milepost: 12.0 to 17.5			
Mainline Lanes: 4		Capacity Lanes: 4		Auxili	ary Lanes: •	C-D Lanes: -			
Opposite Di	rection (So	uthbound):	Pg. 34	Downs	Downstream: Pg. 26		Upstream: Pg. 24		
Average Hourly Traffic (PCE) by Days									
Hour	Mon		Wed		Fri	Sat	Sun	Avg. Mon-F	
12AM-1AM	830	950	1,050	1,040	1,170	1,43	0 1,090	1,00	
1-2	600	790	860	850	900	930	690	800	
2-3	640	840	930	890	930	800	540	846	
3-4	920	1,210	1,260	1,270	1,220	870	480	1,170	
4-5	1,720	2,090	2,220	2,270	2,260	1,11	0 540	2,11:	
5-6	4,870	5,220	5,430	5,410	5,230	1,99	0 810	5,23	
6-7	7,580	7,870	7,980	7,900	7,770	2,56	0 1,160	7,820	
7-8	6,670	6,620	6,630	6,940	6,840	2,90	0 1,390	6,74	
8-9	5,660	6,100	5,990	5,880	5,690	3,24	0 1,810	5,86	
9-10	5,180	5,430		5,720	5,650	3,78	0 2,550	5,52	
10-11	4,830	4,950	5,130	5,230	5,510	4,11	0 3,260	5,13	
11AM-12PM	4,850	4,940	5,120	5,240	5,610	4,48	0 3,880	5,15	
12-1	4,920	5,020	5,200	5,360	5,600	4,61	0 4,290	5,22	
1-2	5,070	5,240	5,410	5,700	5,800	4,67	0 4,510	5,44	
2-3	5,470	5,620	5,840	6,030	6,230	4,68	0 4,570	5,83	
3-4	5,570	5,780	5,920	6,150	6,220	4,44	0 4,560	5,92	
4-5	5,320	5,680	5,680	5,900	6,010	4,28	0 4,420	5,71	
5-6	5,110	5,200	5,380	5,560	5,750	3,98	0 4,330	5,40	
6-7	3,950	4,160	4,290	4,750	4,950	3,54	0 4,140	4,420	
7-8	3,160	3,270	3,380	3,740	4,270	3,06	0 3,820	3,564	
8-9	2,690	2,760	2,920	3,150	3,420	2,61	0 3,440	2,98	
9-10	2,370	2,490	2,530	2,720	2,830	2,33	0 2,810	2,58	
10-11	1,850	1,960	2,060	2,240	2,450	2,08	0 2,160	2,11	
11PM-12AM	1,360	1,490	1,510	1,660	1,940	1,62	0 1,410	1,59	
	91 190	95.620	98.370	101 600	104.250	70 10	0 62 660	98.71	

Lane Closure Not Recommended

2015 Lane Closure Guide

Maintenance Yard 1

Lane Closure Impacts



2,112

1,592

8.218

### **Processes To Accelerate Reconstruction**

Seek 100 percent recycling

**Create on-site storage/processing locations for contractors** 

Expedite earthwork with chemical stabilization



Desire earthwork balance

Use minimal pavement layers

Encourage rubblization for lowvolume interstates



## **Strategies To Accelerate Repair Projects**

Use weekends for accelerated patching

Make fast-setting concrete patching mixes for overnight repairs more durable

Use precast concrete for middle lane patching for all concrete pavement types



Mandate warm-mix asphalt for nighttime-only overlays

Implement schedule recovery efforts when necessary



## Provide real-time information

**Operations: SmartRoad** 

Drivers get safer, more efficient roadway

Improved incident management



Allows for temporary use of shoulders as roadway capacity when authorized



## Next: Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294)

#### Workhorse of the Tollway

#### \$4 billion project

#### 22 miles

- 100 bridges
- Two existing system interchanges
- Nine service interchanges





## **Applying Research Initiatives**

Minimizing moisture/stability issues

Using intelligent compaction

Building the minimal amount of pavement layers

# Using accelerated bridge construction

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**Implementing 3-D design** 



## **Ongoing Research Initiatives**

Internally cured continuously reinforced concrete pavements

**Optimized ternary Portland cement concrete mixes** 

**Approach slabs on integral abutment bridges** 

Performance-related specifications for all concrete pavements

Integral abutment bridges

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Extra high-performance concrete bridge decks without stainless steel reinforcement

## **Keys To Consider: Planning And Design**

#### **Planning phase**

- Retain the same number of lanes where deemed necessary
- Plan for traffic incident management
- Develop smarter roads for future technologies

#### **Design phase**

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- Design features with future maintenance work in mind
- Update standards to accommodate heavier freight loads
- Jointless bridge decks and compatible approaches
- More durable/maintenance-free pavements
- Continue 3-D design technology

## **Keys To Consider: Rebuilding Roadways**

#### **Construction phase**

- Accelerated bridge and roadway construction practices
- Better temporary barrier systems

#### Initiatives that incorporate all phases

- Design and build based on performance
- Search for techniques and practices for improved sustainability and measurement



## **Summary: Three Pillars Of Sustainability**





## **THANK YOU**