



February 6, 2020

Dear Resident:

The Illinois Tollway is continuing the reconstruction of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Bridge between Hinsdale and Western Springs as part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. The three-year bridge project, scheduled to be complete by the end of 2022, includes installation of a temporary bridge, removal of the existing BNSF Railway Bridge over I-294 and construction of a new structure. The new structure will accommodate reconstruction and widening of the Tollway underneath and BNSF track operations and maintenance needs.

Work in 2020 includes construction of the bypass bridge that will allow for uninterrupted commuter rail and freight operations during bridge reconstruction. Once the bypass bridge is complete, the existing bridge will be removed and rebuilt in 2021 and 2022.

In the coming weeks, pile driving is scheduled for February through early summer to construction of the BNSF Railway Bridge Project. These operations will be intermittent with the majority of work scheduled during daytime hours, however night and weekend work may be scheduled based on BNSF track outage availability. Additionally, as part of the demolition of the existing bridge there will be intermittent concrete breaking through summer, with potential for the work to take place during weekend and overnight hours.

The Tollway understands your proximity to this construction and appreciates your patience during the project. The Illinois Tollway is coordinating with the contractor on the schedule for construction activities and will provide details as they are known. Project information specific to construction and local community impacts will be available on the Projects section on the Illinois Tollway's website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

The Illinois Tollway is working in coordination with local municipalities, elected officials, park districts, Metra, BNSF Railway and other impacted stakeholders throughout the project to minimize disruption to residents and businesses, as well as rail and Tollway commuters. Regarding the construction plan and schedule, safety is of utmost priority for the Tollway. All possible efforts are made to protect residents with a safe and secure work zone throughout the duration of the construction project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our project communication liaisons Chloe Daniels (630) 335-4566 or Kristi Bruno at (630) 470-0180 or via email at [294tristate@getipass.com](mailto:294tristate@getipass.com).

Sincerely,

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