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**\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\***

## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY INVITES PUBLIC TO LEARN AND SHARE INPUT ABOUT CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) PLAN**

**WHAT:** The Illinois Tollway will host a series of open house meetings as part of the agency's ongoing work to plan for improvements to the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

The open house meetings will provide the opportunity for the Tollway to share its research and proposed concept and to gather input from customers, residents, businesses and communities. Comments can also be shared with the Tollway online at [illinoistollway.com/outreach](http://illinoistollway.com/outreach) or via email at [294tristate@getipass.com](mailto:294tristate@getipass.com)

**WHEN/  
WHERE:**

**Monday, April 24, 6-8 p.m. – Hinsdale Oasis, Tri-State Tollway (I-294)**

**Tuesday, April 25, 6-8 p.m. – Lipinski Community Center, 7256 Skyline Dr., Justice**

**Wednesday, April 26, 6-8 p.m. – O'Hare Oasis, Tri-State Tollway (I-294)**

**WHO:** The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors values public input and believes that the Tollway is best served when it has the opportunity to hear a variety of perspectives on the issue.

**WHY:** As part of the 15-year, \$12 billion *Move Illinois* capital program, the Tollway is developing a plan to determine improvements to be included in the reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street and Balmoral Avenue.

This is the only remaining segments of the original Tollway system constructed in the 1950s that has not been improved and modernized to meet current and future transportation needs.

Once the Tollway Board of Directors has approved a concept, a detailed design process will follow in which the Tollway will continue to refine the details in coordination with local communities and businesses.

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