

VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY



Roadway Widening Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway will widen a one-mile section of the southbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between 71st Street and 75th Street to help provide congestion relief. Ramps to and from the south will be realigned to match the new mainline configuration. The work began in the spring and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Construction Update (7-1-16)

Periodic overnight lane closures in the southbound lanes are underway to prepare for a traffic shift. This work is expected to continue into July.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The I-355 Project will add a new lane on southbound I-355 from 71st Street to just beyond 75th Street to provide four lanes in each direction. Currently, the fourth southbound lane becomes an exit lane for 75th Street and does not resume until after the entrance ramp from 75th Street.

In addition, the 75th Street ramps to and from southbound I-355 will be reconstructed to better align with the new four-lane roadway.

Maintenance of Traffic

Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

Three lanes of traffic will be maintained on southbound I-355 during construction. Both ramps will remain open at all times.

However, some off-peak closures will be needed to complete the work.

PURPOSE

The roadway widening project will improve continuity on the Veterans Memorial Tollway, by providing four lanes of travel. The improvements will improve mobility and help reduce travel times.

This project is being coordinated with DuPage County, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments.

BUILDING GREEN

The Tollway is committed to "Building Green" and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. The new asphalt overlay on I-355 will incorporate recycled materials including warm mix asphalt, reclaimed asphalt pavement, ground tire rubber and recycled asphalt shingles. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

A 45 mph speed limit will be in place throughout construction.

Construction 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.

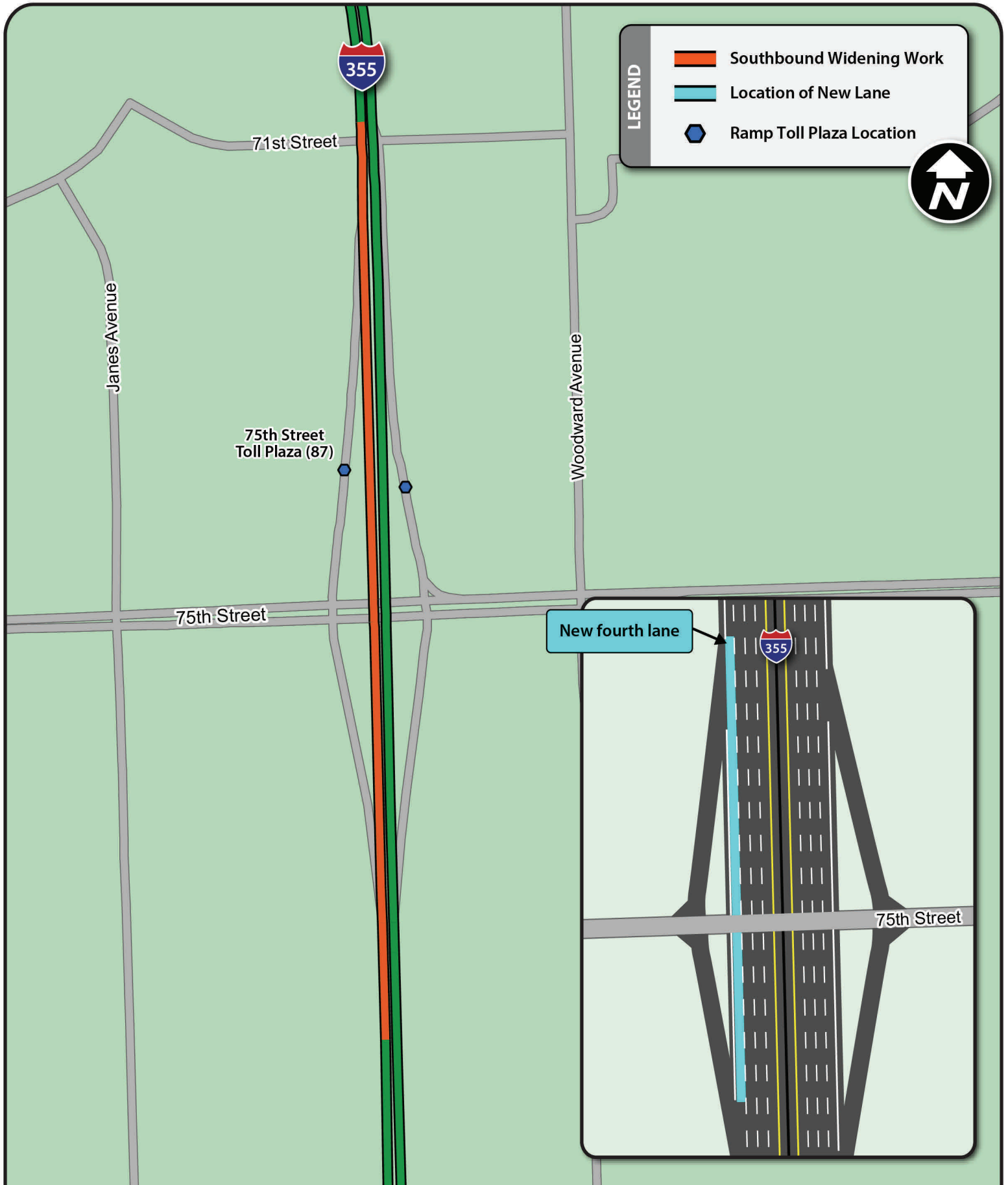
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