ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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CLOSURE, DETOURS SCHEDULED ON LEE COUNTY BRIDGES OVER REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) FOR REPAIR WORK

Ashton Road, Franklin Road to close to safely accommodate work on local crossroad bridge

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Full closure of the Ashton Road Bridge carrying traffic over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in Lee County is scheduled to begin Wednesday, November 4, for bridge repair work. Once work is completed at the Ashton Road Bridge, work is scheduled to begin on the nearby Franklin Road Bridge.

Construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to lane closures on the bridges and local roads. The temporary closures are needed to accommodate traffic and provide a safe work zone. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the Daily Construction Alert. All work is weather dependent.

On I-88, lanes closures will also be needed to accommodate the work on both bridges.

The full closure of the Ashton Road Bridge is necessary to safely complete the maintenance and repair work on the local crossroad bridge over I-88. Work will include replacing bridge bearings.

The Ashton Road Bridge is scheduled to close for three days and a detour will be posted routing traffic along Reynolds Road, Midway Road/Richarson Avenue and Lincoln Highway (Illinois Route 38) to access Ashton Road.

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Work is scheduled to begin on Franklin Road Bridge once work is completed at the Ashton Road Bridge. The full closure of the Franklin Road Bridge is necessary to safely complete the maintenance and repair work on the local crossroad bridge over I-88. Work will include replacing bridge bearings.

The Franklin Road Bridge is scheduled to close for three days, and a detour will be posted routing traffic along State Street/Whitney Road and McGirr Road to access Franklin Road.

Local road way closures are being coordinated with Lee County, as well as local fire and police departments.

Maps and construction information are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

In 2026, Illinois Tollway work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) will include repairs to local crossroad and mainline bridges in Whiteside, Lee, Ogle, Kane and DuPage Counties.

This work is part of the Tollway's seven-year, $2 billion *Bridging the Future* capital plan.

Work Zone Safety
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.

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 for 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.

About *Bridging the Future*
Approved in 2024, *Bridging the Future* is a seven-year, $2 billion plan designed to continue infrastructure improvements, bridging the gap between the agency's current and next long-term capital program. Based on stakeholder feedback and engagement, *Bridging the Future* is addressing ongoing modernization initiatives and continuing to support investments in the people and firms working to improve regional mobility.

About the Illinois Tollway
The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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