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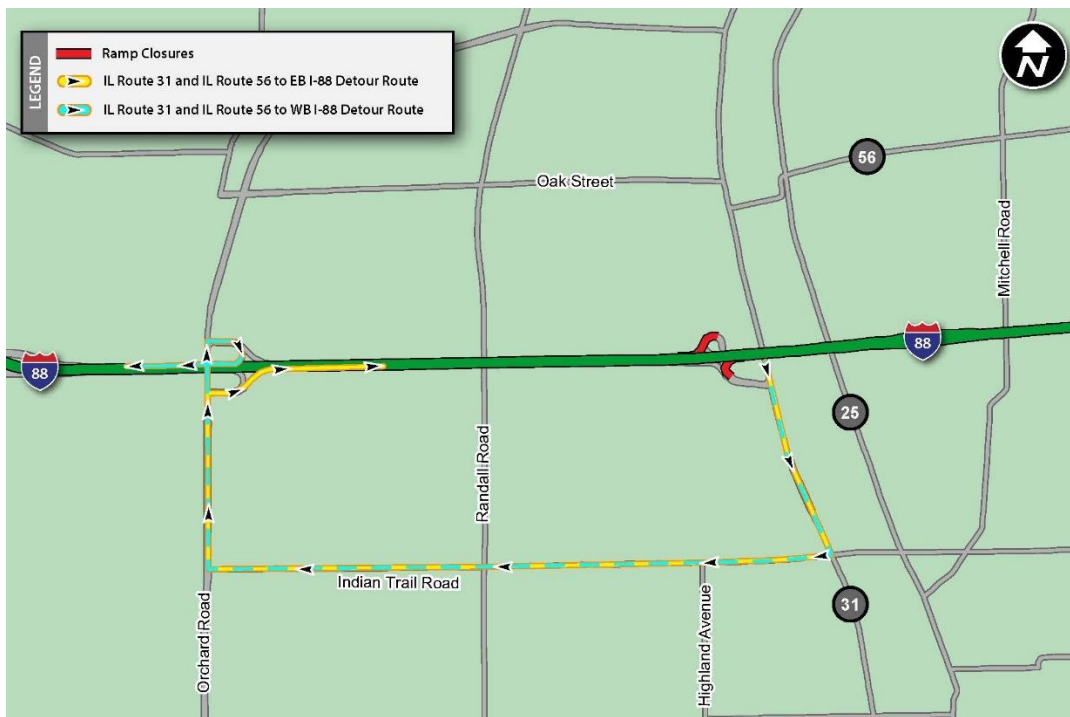
WEEKEND RAMP CLOSURES, DETOURS SCHEDULED AT THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 31 INTERCHANGE ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS

Two ramps scheduled to close at a time at the interchange through September

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Ramp repair work is scheduled to begin this weekend at the Illinois Route 31 Interchange on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88). The work will require weekend-long ramp closures with detours through September, with no more than two ramps scheduled to close at the same time.

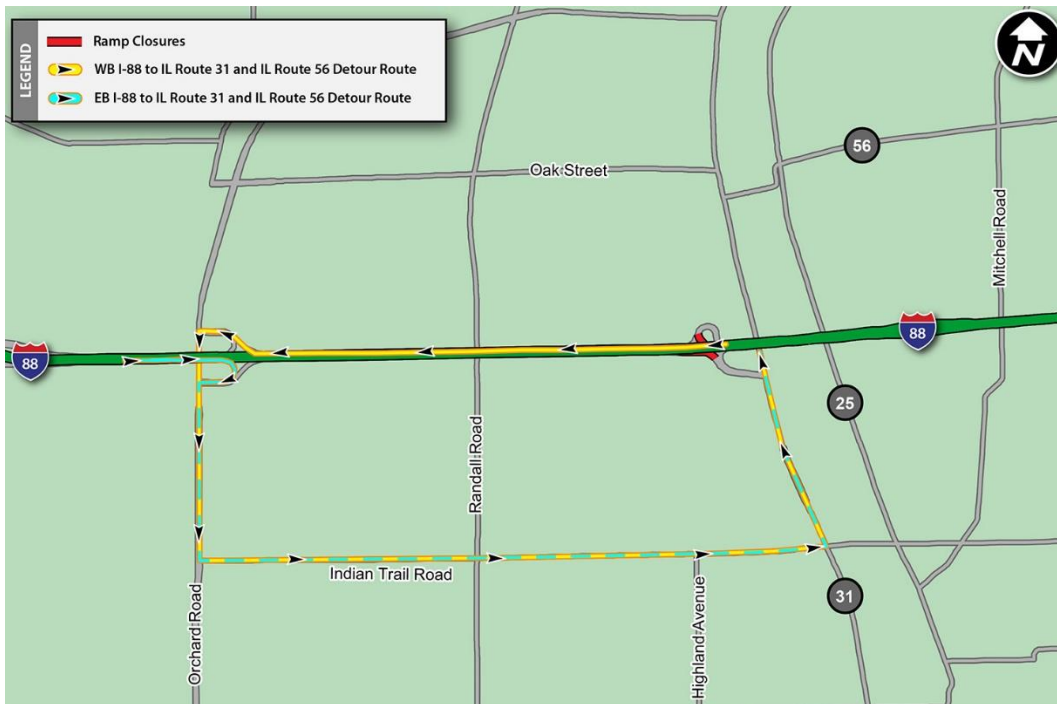
The weekend closures are necessary to create a safe work zone for repairs to interchange ramps. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Friday, July 28, at 7 p.m. and continuing until 6 a.m. Monday, July 31, the two ramps connecting Illinois Route 31 to eastbound I-88 and westbound I-88 are scheduled to close with posted detours. The posted detour will route Illinois Route 31 traffic to the Orchard Road Interchange via Indian Trail Road. Up to three weekends of similar ramp closures with detours will be needed to complete the work.



Once repairs to these ramps are complete, work is scheduled to begin on the two ramps connecting eastbound I-88 and westbound I-88 to Illinois Route 31. Detours will be posted directing I-88 traffic to

the Orchard Road Interchange and on to Indian Trail Road to Illinois Route 31. For eastbound I-88 traffic this detour will be in advance of the Illinois Route 31 exit. Up to three weekends will be needed to complete repairs to these ramps as well.



The repairs on I-88 are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Kane County and Village of North Aurora, as well as local fire and police departments.

Repair work on the ramps includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, patching of concrete pavement, pavement striping and curb replacement as needed, as well as shoulder repairs and resurfacing.

In 2023, the Illinois Tollway maintenance work on I-88 will include ramp repair work at Illinois Route 31 and installation of new virtual weigh-in-motion systems at Orchard Road and Eola Road, as well roadway camera and ramp queue detection installation between Hoyle Road and Freedom Drive. This work is scheduled to begin in the summer and be complete by the end of the year.

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and bridges and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion Move Illinois capital program.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) repair projects are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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 failure to comply with the Move Over Law. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$250 and can include 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 Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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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