

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED AT TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) INTERCHANGE ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN OAK BROOK

Closures and detours are part of the York Road Bridge Reconstruction Project on I-88

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – An overnight closure and detour of the ramp carrying traffic from the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) are scheduled this week to accommodate York Road Bridge beam removal. In addition, intermittent closures are scheduled on the ramp carrying northbound I-294 to westbound I-88.

Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available in the Illinois Tollway's <u>Daily Construction Alerts</u>. All work is weather dependent.

On Tuesday, February 11, the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and to York Road is scheduled to close and detours will be posted. Closures are scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. and be complete by 4 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

The following detours will be posted during the ramp closure:

- To access southbound I-294, traffic will be routed to eastbound I-290 through the Mannheim Road Interchange to westbound I-290 and then to southbound I-294.
- To access York Road, traffic will be routed via Midwest Road and 22nd Street to York Road.





On Wednesday, February 12, intermittent full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled on the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound I-88. The closures are scheduled to begin at midnight and end by 3 a.m. on Thursday, February 13.

If work cannot be completed during this time, additional closures will be scheduled later in the week.

Additional ramp closures will be needed through fall to complete bridge beam removal and placement for construction of the new York Road Bridge over the I-88 ramps.

Traffic on the York Road Bridge is currently shifted onto the southbound side of the bridge and reduced to one lane in each direction to allow for the removal and reconstruction of the northbound side of the bridge.

The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing the York Road Bridge over the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88. The project will also include roadway pavement widening and resurfacing, as well as drainage repairs. A detour of the multi-use path on the west side of York Road will be needed to accommodate construction. Work is scheduled to continue through 2025.

Reconstruction of the York Road Bridge is being performed in coordination with the Village of Oak Brook. Work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments.

The York Road Bridge is being reconstructed to extend the life of the structure. The work is funded through an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Oak Brook and the Illinois Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

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. On York Road, a 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout construction.

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 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 Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 13 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway 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.