



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **WORK BEGINS ON TOLL PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

*Lane closures, detours will be scheduled through 2026 to complete the work*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Work is scheduled to begin at six toll plazas in March and April along the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) for toll plaza improvements.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to construction and any ramp closures and detours. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of March 23, work is scheduled to begin at the Highland Avenue Toll Plaza. During this work, the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to Highland Avenue will be reduced to a single lane.

Similar lane closures are scheduled to begin weekly at toll plazas at the Orchard Road, Farnsworth Avenue and at the Naperville Road (Freedom Drive) Interchanges. Work is scheduled to continue through the year at these locations. Ramp detours will be needed at several toll plazas to complete the work.

The extended lane closures and detours are needed to accommodate the removal of the existing barrier walls and equipment followed by the installation of new tolling infrastructure. Construction work will also include ramp pavement and shoulder work, as well as guardrail, electrical and signage improvements.

In 2026, I-88 toll plaza work is also planned to continue at the Downers Drive Interchange and the Winfield Road Interchange, with detours scheduled in 2026. Construction is also scheduled to begin at the Illinois Route 31 Interchange.

Closures and detours are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County, Kane County, Aurora Township, as well as local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Tollway is making improvements at toll plazas systemwide to improve traffic flow and mobility. The scheduled improvements prioritize structural, safety and operational considerations. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, and the 7-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future capital plan.

Maps and construction information are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com).

### **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.

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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 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 14 years of *Move Illinois* delivered 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 opened 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 reconstructing the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

### **About Bridging the Future**

Approved by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors in December 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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