



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **LONG-TERM CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) AND ATKINSON ROAD BRIDGE IN LEE COUNTY**

*Closures needed through fall to safely accommodate bridge repair work*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The westbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) over the Union Pacific Railroad in Lee County is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane next week for mainline bridge repairs. In addition, the local Atkinson Road Bridge over I-88 is also scheduled to close for repairs.

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

Beginning Monday, August 24, beginning at 6 a.m. westbound I-88 is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane for bridge deck, joint work and concrete repairs on the I-88 bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad.

In addition, during the week of August 24, the Atkinson Road Bridge is scheduled to close for repair work and no detour will be posted. The full closure of the Atkinson Road Bridge is necessary because the local crossroad bridge over I-88 is too narrow to safely accommodate traffic while completing the maintenance and repair work. Work will include concrete and bridge deck repairs and sealing.

On I-88, temporary lanes closures will also be needed to accommodate the local crossroad bridge work.

Closures are being coordinated with Lee County and Nelson Township, 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](http://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.

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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 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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