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NIGHTLY CLOSURE AND DETOUR OF EASTBOUND I-290 SCHEDULED IN JULY FOR BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE AT I-294

Eastbound I-290 nightly roadway closures to begin for bridge beam installation

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Nightly roadway and ramp closures on I-290 at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) will be scheduled in July to accommodate bridge reconstruction work as part of the ongoing work to rebuild and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294. Delays are expected.

Construction and electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

On eastbound I-290, beginning this weekend and continuing through the end of the month, multiple overnight full closures and detours will be scheduled as needed for bridge beam placement for construction of the new bridge carrying southbound I-294 over eastbound I-290. Closures will be put in place between 12:30 and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between 1 and 7 a.m. on Saturdays. No closures will be scheduled on Friday nights.

The posted detour will route traffic onto southbound I-294, through the Cermak Road Interchange and onto northbound I-294 to access eastbound I-290. No tolls will be taken at the Cermak Road Toll Plaza in either direction for customers following the detour route.

In addition, during the bridge beam placement work, intermittent, full closures will be scheduled on the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 and to westbound I-88, and the ramp from eastbound St. Charles Road to eastbound I-290 will be closed with no detour posted.

Traffic on the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 will remain reduced to a single lane through the rest of the month.

On westbound I-290, multiple nights of temporary lane closures will be put in place as needed for work on the new southbound I-294 bridge over westbound I-290. No closures will be scheduled on Friday nights.

July Interchange Construction Highlights

Throughout July, temporary overnight roadway and ramp closures with posted detours will continue as needed at multiple ramps connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-290, Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Roosevelt Road for ongoing pavement repairs, bridge and ramp reconstruction, pavement removal and utility work.

Ongoing bridge reconstruction on the southbound I-294 bridge over I-88 is scheduled to continue this month. As part of that work, the ramp connecting westbound I-290 to Roosevelt Road is scheduled to close and traffic will be detoured to westbound I-88 and northbound Illinois Route 83/Kingery Highway to access westbound Roosevelt Road.

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Ramp and local road closures in this area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, Village of Hillside, City of Elmhurst, Village of Oak Brook and Proviso Township, as well as local fire and police departments.

Information about ongoing long-term and overnight ramp closures and detours, including maps and construction updates on the [e I-290/I-88 Interchange Project](http://www.illinoistollway.com) page on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

In 2026, work at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 will include ongoing reconstruction of I-294 bridges over I-88, Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290 and Electric Avenue. It also includes reconstruction of the I-290 eastbound and westbound bridges over Electric Avenue, and the ramp from southbound I-294 to westbound I-88, the ramp from westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road and northbound I-294 as well as continued noisewall, retaining wall, pavement, drainage, electrical and lighting improvements.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's *Move Illinois* program. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

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 I -294, a 45work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 include 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 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 reconstructing 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.