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NIGHTLY DETOURS OF THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) SCHEDULED IN AUGUST AS PART OF WORK TO RECONFIGURE THE I-290/I-88 AT I-294 INTERCHANGE

Ramp and lane closures needed for bridge beam installation and bridge reconstruction work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Nightly closures and detours in both directions on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) along with adjacent ramp closures will be scheduled in August to accommodate bridge beam placement for the new southbound I-294 bridge over I-88. The work is part of the ongoing work to reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294. Delays are expected.

Temporary overnight roadway and ramp closures with posted detours will continue as needed at multiple interchange ramps connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-290, Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Roosevelt Road for ongoing bridge and ramp reconstruction, pavement work and utility work. Information and detour maps are available on the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project page](#).

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

Interchange Construction Highlights

Beginning Saturday, August 22, and continuing through the end of the month, multiple overnight full roadway closures and detours in both directions on I-88, as well as associated ramp closures, will be scheduled as needed. The closures will take place in both directions on the same nights and will be scheduled between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Saturdays with full closures beginning at 12:30 a.m. on all nights. Closures will not be scheduled on Friday nights.

Eastbound closures and detours will be posted as follows:

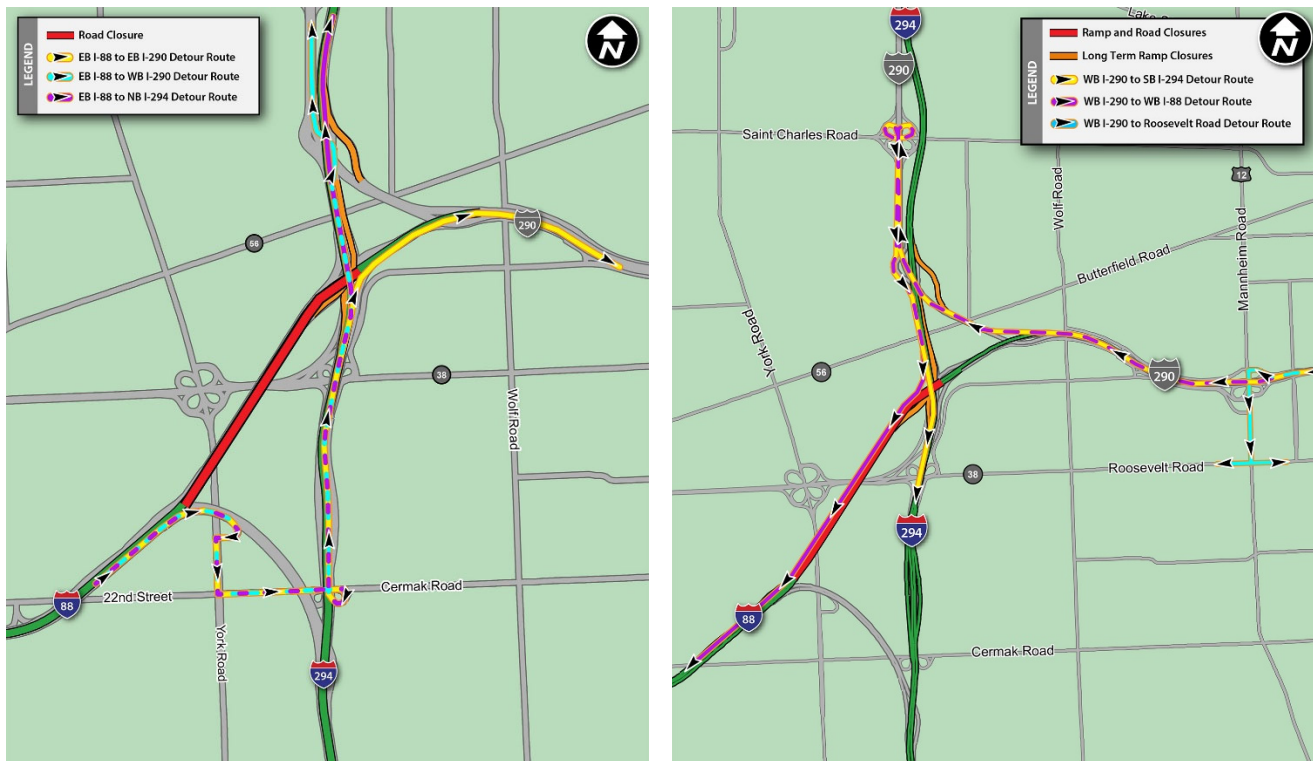
- Eastbound I-88 closure at I-290: Traffic will be detoured via southbound I-294 onto the York Road ramp, continue south on York Road to Cermak Road, then eastbound on Cermak Road to northbound I-294 to access eastbound I-290.
- Eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290: Traffic will be detoured via southbound I-294 onto the York Road ramp, continue south on York Road to Cermak Road, then eastbound on Cermak Road to northbound I-294. Traffic will either remain on northbound I-294 or exit to westbound I-290.

Westbound closures and detours will be posted as follows:

- Westbound I-88: Traffic will be detoured onto westbound I-290 through the St. Charles Road Interchange to eastbound I-290 and exit at southbound I-294 to access the ramp to access westbound I-88.
- Westbound I-290 to southbound I-294: Traffic will be detoured onto westbound I-290 through the St. Charles Road Interchange to eastbound I-290 to access southbound I-294.
- Westbound I-290 to westbound Roosevelt Road: Traffic will be detoured through the Mannheim Road Interchange onto southbound Mannheim Road to access westbound Roosevelt Road.

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Please note that no tolls will be collected at the Cermak Road Toll Plaza in either direction for customers following the detour route.



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 for the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project](#) page can be found 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. The 2026 work also includes reconstruction of the I-290 bridges over Electric Avenue, and the southbound I-294 to westbound I-88 ramp, the westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road ramp 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* capital 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 45 mph work 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.

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