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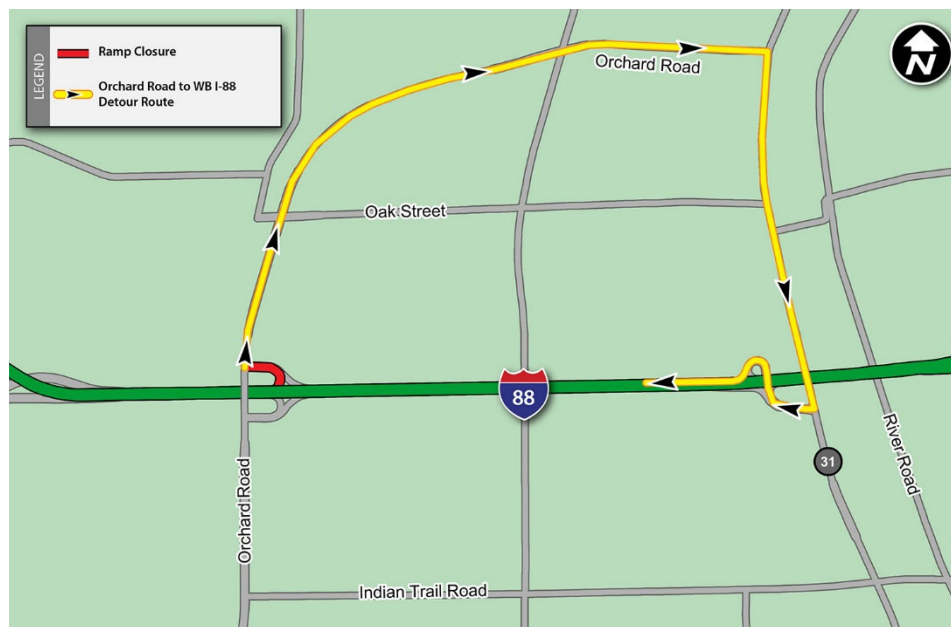
OVERNIGHT DETOURS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TONIGHT AT ORCHARD ROAD ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)

Ramp closures in August and September needed for ongoing toll plaza improvement work

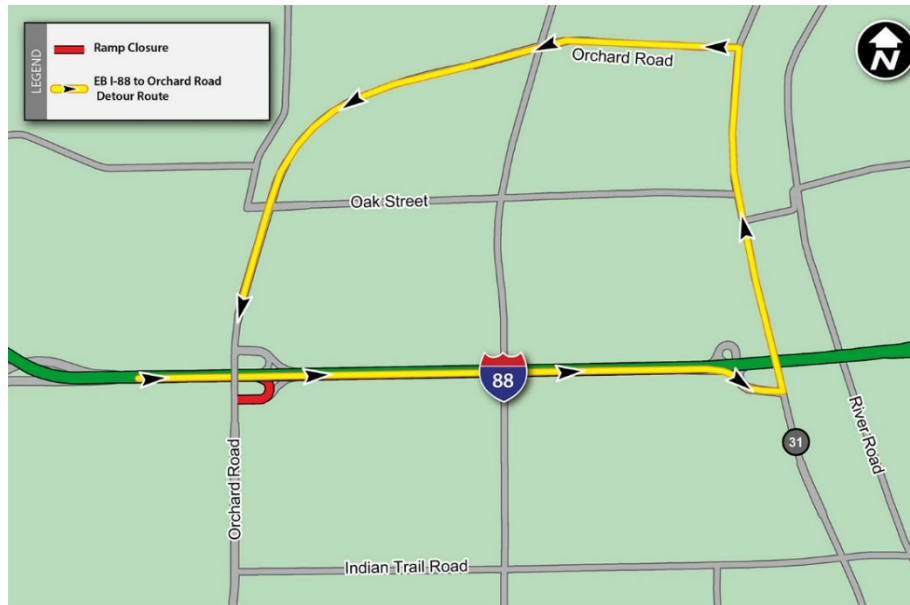
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight ramp closures are scheduled tonight, August 20, as part of toll plaza improvements underway at the Orchard Road Interchange on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88). A second closure is scheduled in September. Detours will be posted.

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 at 8 p.m. tonight, August 20, full closure of the ramp connecting Orchard Road to westbound I-88 is scheduled for installation of tolling equipment. A detour will be posted routing traffic to Illinois Route 31 to access westbound I-88. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Friday, August 21.



In September, the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to Orchard Road is scheduled to close overnight with a posted detour. The detour will direct I-88 traffic to Illinois Route 31 and then north to access Orchard Road. The closure will be scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. with the ramp reopening by 5 a.m. the following morning.



Currently the ramps at the Orchard Road Interchange are reduced to a single lane and are scheduled to remain in this configuration into the fall. 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. An additional weekend-long detour will be scheduled later this year.

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.

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.

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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