



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **RAMP CLOSURE, LANE REDUCTIONS SCHEDULED AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 26 INTERCHANGE ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

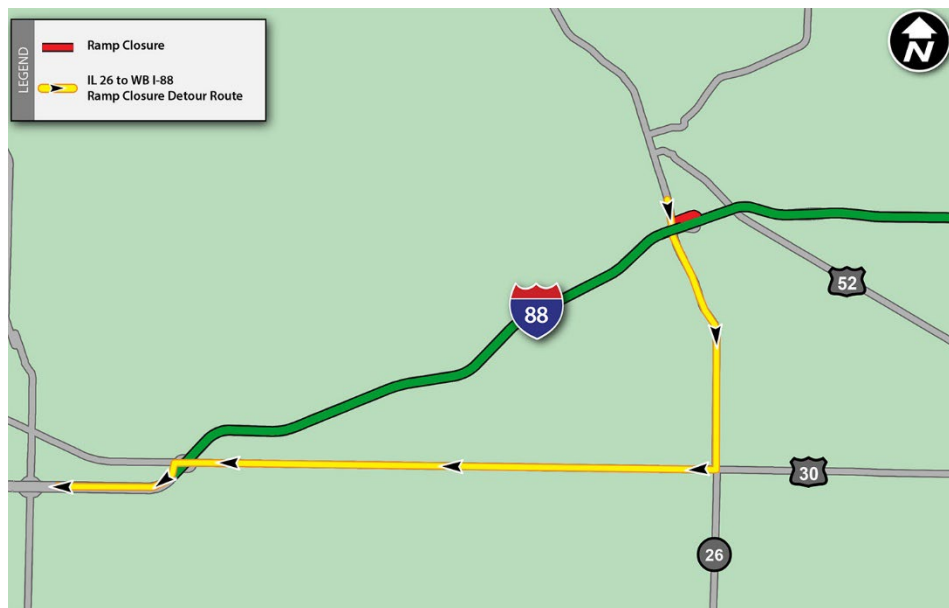
*Lane closures on I-88, Illinois Route 26 in Dixon will be needed to accommodate bridge work*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Lane reductions are scheduled to begin next week on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and on Illinois Route 26 in Dixon for bridge work as part of Illinois Tollway repairs on I-88. Repair work will also require ramp closures at the Illinois Route 26 Interchange on I-88.

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

Beginning Monday, September 28, traffic on the I-88 bridge over Illinois Route 26 is scheduled to be reduced and shifted into a single lane in each direction. Concurrently on Illinois Route 26, traffic is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane in each direction between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily as needed.

To accommodate repairs, the ramp connecting Illinois Route 26 to westbound I-88 is scheduled to close for up to three days. A detour will be posted routing Illinois Route 26 traffic to U.S. Route 30 and then west to access I-88.



Repair work is scheduled to continue through October with traffic shifts on I-88 and additional ramp and local road closures scheduled as needed. All work is scheduled to be complete this fall.

The bridge repair work on I-88 is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Lee County, City of Dixon, as well as local fire and police departments.

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In 2026, work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) includes repairs to local crossroad and mainline bridges in Whiteside, Lee, Ogle, Kane and DuPage Counties, as well as the reconstruction of the York Road Bridge over the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88 in Oak Brook. This work is part of the Tollway's seven-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](https://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 *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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