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TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) FOR RAILROAD BRIDGE REPAIR WORK IN AURORA

Additional shifts will be scheduled to complete the work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Additional long-term shoulder closures and traffic shifts are scheduled in November for repair work on the Canadian National Railway Bridge over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in Aurora. The repair work is scheduled to continue into 2027, and additional shifts will be needed to complete the work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane closures and traffic shifts scheduled throughout the work. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's Daily Construction Alert. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning this weekend, overnight lane closures on I-88 will be scheduled in both direction between Eola Road and Illinois Route 59 for rumble strip removal and to prepare for a traffic shift. Once that work is complete, eastbound I-88 traffic is scheduled to shift for additional work to prepare for bridge repairs.

After the eastbound I-88 shift is complete, work will begin to shift traffic on westbound I-88 in coordination with a current traffic shift in place under the bridge.

Additional traffic shifts will be put in place for the winter and will accommodate construction of temporary pavement, lighting and barrier walls and to build crossover pavement to prepare for a future counterflow configuration necessary for bridge repair work.

Bridge repairs will include bridge beam removal and replacement to repair damage caused when the Canadian National Railway Bridge over I-88 was struck by a vehicle. Repair work is expected to continue into 2027.

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating repair work with the Canadian National Railway and local municipalities.

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

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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 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

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