



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **NIGHTLY CLOSURE AND DETOUR OF I-290 IN BOTH DIRECTIONS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK FOR ONGOING BRIDGE REMOVAL WORK AT THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE AT I-294**

*Simultaneous closures of I-290 in both directions expected to continue for two weeks*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Nightly closures and detours on I-290 in both directions at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) are scheduled to begin the week of May 12, and continue into the next week to accommodate bridge removal as part of ongoing work to rebuild and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294. Delays are expected.

Multiple nights of closures of I-290 in both directions, as well as several ramps associated with the work, will be scheduled for bridge beam removal of the southbound I-294 bridge over westbound I-290. No full closures will be scheduled on Friday nights.

The closures and detours will allow the Tollway to safely accommodate construction while reducing the time it takes to complete the work.

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 in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alerts](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Monday, May 12, overnight closures of I-290 in both directions are scheduled to begin with full closures and detours between midnight and 4 a.m., with extended hours on Saturday nights from 1 a.m. and 7 a.m.

During the closure of eastbound I-290, the ramp carrying southbound I-294 traffic to eastbound I-290 is also scheduled to close. The posted detours 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.

During the closure of westbound I-290, the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 traffic to westbound I-290 and the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound I-290 are also scheduled to close with posted detours. During the closures, the following posted detours will be put in place:

- For westbound I-290, detour traffic will be routed onto westbound I-88 to westbound Roosevelt Road ramp, onto northbound Illinois Route 83/Kingery Highway to access westbound I-290.
- For the ramps connecting northbound I-294 to westbound I-290, traffic will be routed onto eastbound I-290 to northbound Mannheim Road and then through the interchange to westbound I-290, to westbound I-88, onto westbound Roosevelt Road and to northbound Illinois Route 83/Kingery Highway to access westbound I-290.
- For the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290, traffic will be routed onto eastbound I-290 to northbound Mannheim Road and then through the interchange to westbound I-290, to westbound I-88 onto westbound Roosevelt Road and to northbound Illinois Route 83/Kingery Highway to access westbound I-290.

In addition, closure of the ramp connecting eastbound St. Charles Road traffic to eastbound I-290 will also be scheduled when closures on eastbound I-290 are in place. No detour will be posted.

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As part of ongoing construction in the area, the ramp connecting westbound I-290 to northbound I-294 currently has a long-term closure and detour in place routing traffic from westbound I-290 to Lake Street. During the overnight closures on westbound I-290, traffic will be routed to westbound I-88 and then to westbound Roosevelt Road, northbound Illinois Route 83/Kingery Highway, eastbound I-290 and eastbound Lake Street to access northbound I-294.

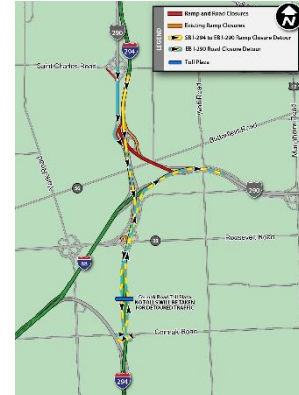
On nights when full closures of I-290 are not in place, intermittent closures, each lasting 15 minutes, may be scheduled in one or both directions.



*WB I-290 Road and Ramp  
Closure Detours*  
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*WB I-290 to NB I-294 Ramp  
Closure Detour*  
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*SB I-294 to EB I-290  
Ramp Closure Detour*  
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Closures and detours in this area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Elmhurst, Village of Hillside, Proviso Township, Village of Oak Brook and Village of Berkeley as well as local fire and police departments.

Work in 2025 at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 includes ongoing reconstruction of bridges over Roosevelt Road, I-88, Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290 and Electric Avenue, as well as noisewall construction and drainage, electrical and lighting improvements.

The reconfiguration and reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange is estimated at \$700-\$800 million and will reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues, as well as infrastructure conditions as part of the Illinois Tollway's \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project. Work started in 2020 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2027.

Information including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) in the Projects section.

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 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 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 13 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering 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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