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LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) OVER SOUTH CARON ROAD IN ROCHELLE

Detour will also be needed for northbound Caron Road to accommodate bridge work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Long-term lane reductions are scheduled to begin this week on the westbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) over South Caron Road in Rochelle for bridge work as part of Illinois Tollway repairs on I-88. Closures on South Caron Road will also be needed.

Electronic message signs and construction signage are in place to alert drivers to the closures and detour 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 the week of November 9, westbound I-88 is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane for bridge deck work over South Caron Road.

Also in November, northbound South Caron Road under I-88 is scheduled to close for a week. A detour will be posted routing traffic along Steward Road, Main Street and Steam Plant Road to access South Caron Road.



Repair work includes deck sealing, joint cleaning, and bearing replacement and is scheduled to continue through November with additional I-88 and local road closures scheduled as needed. All work is scheduled to be complete this year.

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

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 $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 *Bridging the Future*
Approved in 2024, *Bridging the Future* is a $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 390Tollway.

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