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RAMP CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC SHIFTS SCHEDULED IN NOVEMBER AS PART OF WORK TO RECONFIGURE THE I-290/I-88 AT I-294 INTERCHANGE

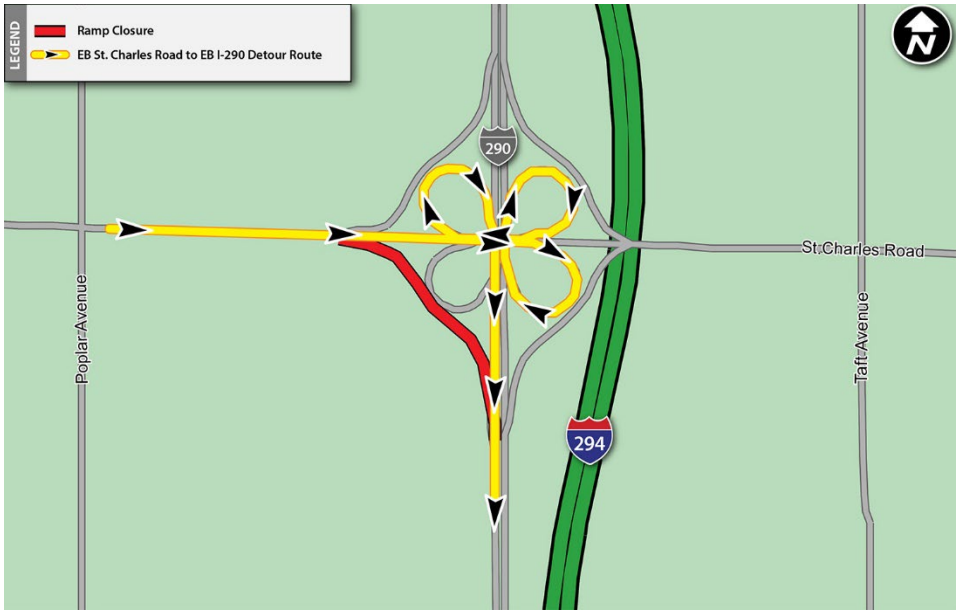
Ongoing closures and detours scheduled to support winter construction activities

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane and ramp closures with detours are scheduled in November to accommodate winter construction activities as part of the ongoing reconfiguration of the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294. Delays are expected.

Construction and electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to ramp and lane closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Daily Construction Alert. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning this weekend, November 14, traffic on the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 and westbound I-88 is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane. The lane reduction will remain in place through the winter and is necessary to safely accommodate noisewall reconstruction, pavement reconstruction and drainage work.

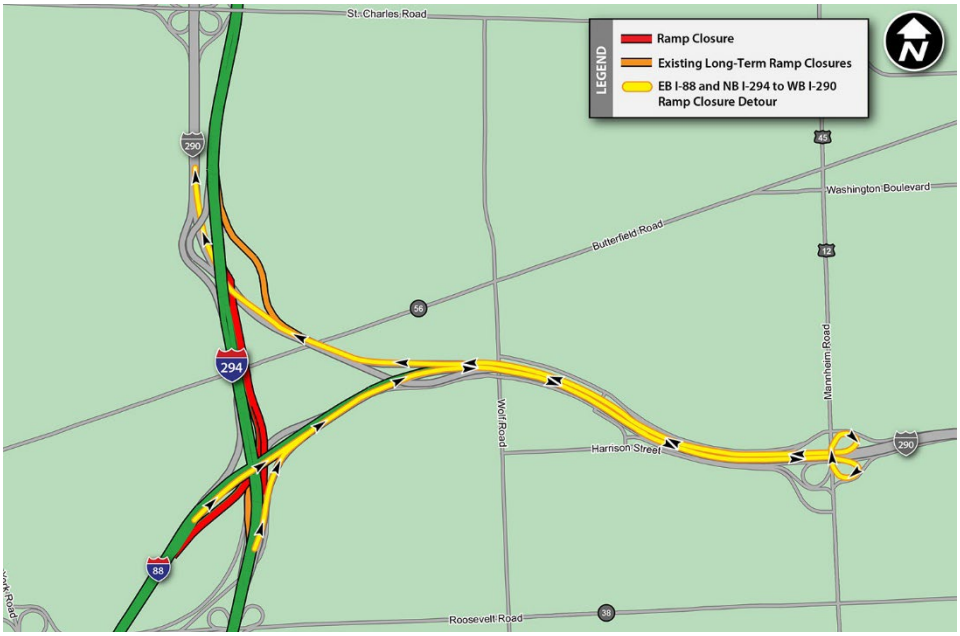
In addition, the ramp connecting eastbound St. Charles Road to eastbound I-290 will be closed into spring. A detour will be posted routing traffic through the other ramps at the St. Charles Road Interchange to access eastbound I-290. The ramp closure is necessary to accommodate pavement and noisewall reconstruction.



In mid-November, multiple nights of roadway and ramp closures and detours will be scheduled to shift traffic on westbound I-290 between Butterfield Road and St. Charles Road to create a winter work zone for barrier wall reconstruction.

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Overnight ramp closures will include the northbound I-294 ramp to westbound I-290 and the eastbound I-88 ramps to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290. Detours will be posted directing all traffic from these ramps to exit to eastbound I-290 and then to travel through the Mannheim Road Interchange to access westbound I-290 or northbound I-294.



During the winter configuration access to the exit ramp for St. Charles Road will move a quarter mile east of its current location. Westbound I-290 traffic must use the right lane and follow posted signage to access St. Charles Road.

Throughout November, ongoing temporary overnight ramp closures with posted detours will continue as needed at multiple interchange ramps connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-290, Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Roosevelt Road for ongoing bridge reconstruction, pavement construction and utility work. Information and detour maps are available on the I-290/I-88 Interchange Project page.

Ramp and local road closures in this area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, Village of Hillside, City of Elmhurst, Village of Oak Brook and Proviso Township, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2026, work at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 will include ongoing reconstruction of I-294 bridges over I-88, Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290 and Electric Avenue. The 2026 work also includes reconstruction of the I-290 bridges over Electric Avenue, and the southbound I-294 to westbound I-88 ramp, the westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road ramp and northbound I-294 as well as continued noisewall, retaining wall, pavement, drainage, electrical and lighting improvements.

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* capital 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 include 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 $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 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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