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OVERNIGHT AND LONG-TERM RAMP CLOSURES CONTINUE IN SEPTEMBER AS PART OF WORK TO RECONFIGURE THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE AT I-294

*Ongoing temporary closures and lane reductions needed to safely accommodate
ramp and bridge work and maintain access to traffic*

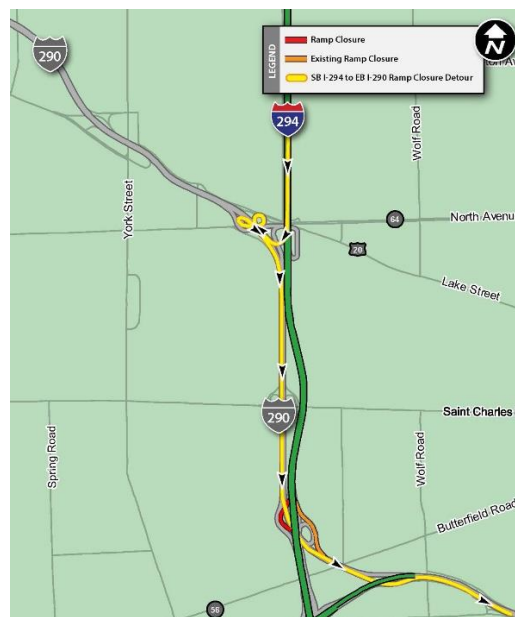
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight and long-term ramp closures with detours will continue throughout September for the Illinois Tollway's ongoing work to reconstruct and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), including closures at the Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38) Interchange. Delays are expected.

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 Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Throughout September, ongoing temporary overnight 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.

September Interchange Construction Highlights

During the week of September 1, traffic on the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 is scheduled to shift, and overnight closures and detours will be needed to complete the traffic shift. During the ramp closures, southbound I-294 traffic will be detoured to westbound I-290 and then to the North Avenue interchange ramps to access eastbound I-290.



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Additional overnight roadway lane closures on I-294, I-88 and I-290 are scheduled to continue in September. The closures will be scheduled during overnight hours with lanes and ramps reopening ahead of the morning rush hour.

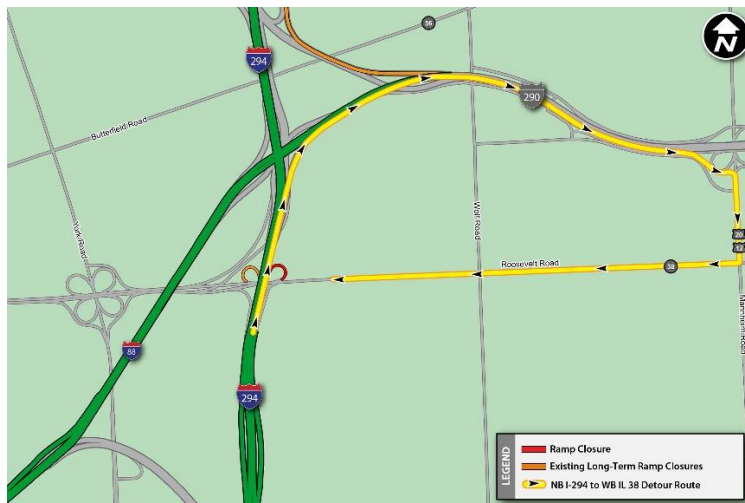
This fall, traffic shifts will be scheduled on eastbound I-290 between St. Charles Road and Butterfield Road and westbound I-290 for bridge reconstruction.

Roosevelt Road Interchange Closures

Overnight lane closures, including intermittent full closures each lasting 15 minutes, will take place as needed on Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38) at I-294 for ongoing bridge removal and reconstruction of the southbound I-294 bridge over Roosevelt Road.

Overnight closures and detours of the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound Roosevelt Road will be scheduled to complete the work. During this work traffic will be detoured to eastbound I-290 and Mannheim Road to access westbound Roosevelt Road.

In addition, during the Roosevelt Road ramp closures, overnight lane closures may be needed on southbound I-294 between St. Charles Road and Cermak Road.



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.

Navigating Tri-State Tollway (I-294) construction

Traffic shifts and lane closures are also in place on the I-294 mainline, including at the I-290/I-88 Interchange.

- Southbound I-294 through traffic can use all lanes. Through traffic, including trucks, should use the express lanes to avoid congestion.
- Southbound I-294 traffic exiting to eastbound I-290 or westbound I-88 must enter the two right local lanes north of St. Charles Road. The three left lanes are express lanes and can be used by traffic exiting to Cermak Road, Ogden Avenue and I-55.
- Southbound I-294 traffic exiting to Ogden Avenue must enter the two right local lanes south of Cermak Road. The two left lanes are express lanes and can be used by traffic exiting to I-55.

As an alternate, drivers are encouraged to use westbound Jane Addams Tollway (I-90), eastbound I-290 to southbound Veterans Tollway (I-355), if feasible, to avoid delays along I-294.

Information about ongoing long-term and overnight ramp closures and detours including maps and construction updates are available on the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project](https://www.illinoistollway.com/projects/i-290-i-88-interchange-project) page on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

In 2025, work at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 will include ongoing reconstruction of I-294 bridges over Roosevelt Road, Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290 and Electric Avenue, as well as the Roosevelt Road ramp to I-290. It also includes reconstruction of the I-290 bridge over Electric Avenue, a new ramp bridge from eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294/westbound I-88, as well as continued noisewall, 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 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.