



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **WESTBOUND I-290 NIGHTLY CLOSURE AND DETOUR SCHEDULED IN JUNE FOR BRIDGE BEAM INSTALLATION AT THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE AT I-294**

*Eastbound I-290 closures to follow; closures needed to safely accommodate bridge reconstruction and maintain access to traffic*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Nightly closures and detours on westbound I-290 at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) are scheduled to continue in June to accommodate bridge beam placement as part of the ongoing work to rebuild and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294. Delays are expected.

Multiple nights of closures of westbound I-290 will be scheduled as needed for bridge beam placement for the new bridge carrying southbound I-294 over westbound I-290.

Beginning Saturday, June 6, nightly roadway closure and detour of westbound I-290 is scheduled to begin and continue as needed to complete the work. Full closures and detours will be scheduled between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays with extended hours on Saturday nights from 12:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. No closures will be scheduled on Friday nights.

During the closures, traffic will be detoured onto westbound I-88 to westbound Roosevelt Road onto northbound Illinois Route 83 (Kingery Highway) to access westbound I-290.



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During the I-290 closure, traffic traveling from westbound I-290 to northbound I-294 will follow the same detour as above but will be routed from Illinois Route 83 to northbound I-294 via eastbound I-290 and eastbound Lake Street.



Once the beam placement is complete on the southbound I-294 over westbound I-290 bridge, nightly lane closures, including 15-minute full closures, will be scheduled on eastbound I-290 for similar work on the new bridge carrying southbound I-294 over eastbound I-290. The closures are scheduled to continue into July. No closures will be scheduled on Friday nights.

During the eastbound I-290 work, the ramps carrying traffic from eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 and westbound I-88 and from southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 will be detoured as needed.

Traffic will be detoured as follows:

- From eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294: Traffic will be routed to Mannheim Road, through the interchange back on westbound I-290, to westbound Roosevelt Road, through the interchange back onto eastbound Roosevelt Road to southbound I-294.
- From eastbound I-290 to westbound I-88: Westbound I-88 will follow the detour route and continue on westbound I-88 from I-290.
- From southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290: Traffic will be routed 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.

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 on the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Throughout June, temporary overnight roadway and 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 pavement repairs, bridge and ramp reconstruction, pavement removal and utility work. Information and detour maps are available on the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project page](#).

### **June Interchange Construction Highlights**

- Traffic on the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane.
- Traffic on the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to westbound I-88 is scheduled to shift to the right.
- The ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290 is currently reduced to a single lane and will remain in this configuration through June. This configuration is necessary to safely accommodate traffic while construction of the new pier on southbound I-294 over I-88 bridge takes place.

As an alternative, drivers are encouraged to use the Veterans Tollway (I-355) to I-290 to the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90), if feasible, to avoid delays along I-88 and I-294.

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.

Information about ongoing long-term and overnight ramp closures and detours, including maps and construction updates for the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project](#) page can be found on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) in the Projects section.

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 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 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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