



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC SHIFTS CONTINUE IN JANUARY AS PART OF WORK TO RECONFIGURE THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE AT THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**

*Ramp to reopen this month connecting westbound Roosevelt Road to southbound I-294 ramp*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight and long-term ramp closures with detours will continue throughout January as part of the Illinois Tollway's ongoing work to reconstruct and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Delays are expected.

In addition, this month, the reconstructed ramp connecting westbound Roosevelt Road to southbound I-294 is scheduled to reopen. Overnight lane closures will be scheduled on southbound I-294 between Electric Avenue and Cermak Road to reopen the ramp.

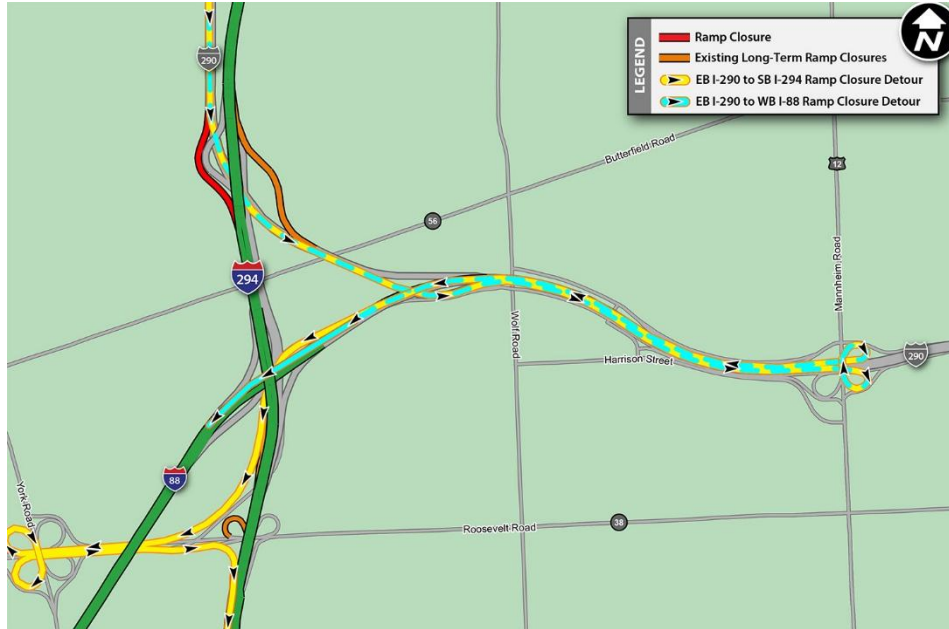
Construction and electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp and lane closures and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Throughout January, 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](#).

### **January Interchange Construction Highlights**

In early January, work is scheduled to begin to shift traffic on southbound I-294 between St. Charles Road and Cermak Toll Plaza into a counterflow configuration onto the northbound side of the roadway. To complete this work, multiple nights of overnight lane and ramp closures will be scheduled on southbound I-294, as needed.

In addition, a second lane on the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to westbound I-88 and southbound I-294 will open to traffic. Lane closures on eastbound I-290 will be required along with overnight closures of the ramp to allow the second ramp lane to be opened. While the ramp is closed overnight, traffic will be routed on eastbound I-290 and through the interchange at Mannheim Road to westbound I-290 to access either westbound I-88 or continue to westbound Roosevelt Road and through the interchange at York Road to access southbound I-294.



Also in January:

- Traffic on westbound I-88 at I-294 will be shifted to the right to accommodate a work zone in the median for reconstruction of the I-294 bridge.
- Traffic on northbound I-294 between Cermak Toll Plaza and I-88 will be shifted to the left with the right lane exiting to eastbound I-290.

To complete the shifts, overnight lane and ramp closures will be needed.

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, 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](https://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. It also includes reconstruction of the I-290 eastbound and westbound bridges over Electric Avenue, and the ramp from southbound I-294 to westbound I-88, the ramp from westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road 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 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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