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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC SHIFTS CONTINUE IN MARCH AS PART OF WORK TO RECONFIGURE THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE AT THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)
Ongoing temporary closures, lane reductions needed to safely accommodate bridge reconstruction and maintain access to traffic

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight and long-term ramp closures with detours will continue throughout March 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.

Westbound I 88 between I-290 and York Road is now shifted to the right to create a long term work zone for ongoing bridge reconstruction at the Interchange. The traffic shift is scheduled to remain in place through 2026.

In March, work is scheduled to continue on the southbound I-294 bridge over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to support ongoing bridge reconstruction. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Throughout March, 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 pavement repairs, protective shielding, bridge reconstruction, pavement removal and utility work. Information and detour maps are available on the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project page](#).

March Interchange Construction Highlights

On eastbound I-88, overnight lane closures between I-294 and I-290, including full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to continue through the week of March 9, for bridge beam removal. The full closures are scheduled to occur between midnight and 5 a.m. the following morning.

Additional work in March includes shifting eastbound I-290 traffic onto new pavement south of St. Charles Road. Traffic on the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to westbound I-88 and southbound I-294 is also scheduled to shift.

To complete these shifts, multiple nights of temporary lane closures will be needed on eastbound I-290 and the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to westbound I-88 and southbound I-294 is scheduled to close. A detour will be posted routing traffic from eastbound I-290 east to and through the Mannheim Road Interchange and onto westbound I-290 to access westbound I-88 or continue to westbound Roosevelt Road to the York Road Interchange to reach southbound I-294. In addition, the ramp from eastbound St. Charles Road to eastbound I-290 will close. No detour will be posted.

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 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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