

## **Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), Rebuild & Widen IL Route 59 to Washington Street**

The Illinois Tollway has reconstructed and widened to four lanes the section of the Reagan Memorial Tollway between IL Route 59 and Washington Street., commonly referred to as the “washboard,” in order to provide a smoother ride for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway’s \$5.3 billion Congestion-Relief Plan to reduce travel times.

### **Update – Latest Construction Info**

Four lanes of traffic are now available in both directions from IL Route 59 to Washington Street.

### **Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays**

Four lanes of Tollway traffic remain available in both directions during daytime hours throughout this project. Reductions in the number of driving lanes will be permitted off-peak only so there will not be an impact to rush hour traffic, including off-peak daytime closures for weather-sensitive work as night temperatures are too cold for striping. While these are typical lane closures for this project, please see our Daily Lane Closures for specific daily lane closures per project.

The Mill Street Bridge over the Tollway has been reconstructed to lengthen the bridge to accommodate a fourth lane on the Tollway. Through interagency cooperation with DuPage County, the Mill Street Bridge was closed to traffic from April until late July, when the bridge reopened with one lane in each direction. The bridge was completely opened to traffic with two lanes in each direction in mid-August.



**Four lanes were opened in each direction in December 2005 from IL 59 to Washington Street.**

### **Work Zone Safety**

Remember to drive safely in work zones and abide by the 45 m.p.h. speed limit; see the Tollway’s Work Zone Safety page at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

### **Schedule**

Work began in mid-June 2004 on the westbound side of the road and work was on hold over the winter. Work resumed in the westbound lanes in early March 2005. Three contiguous westbound lanes have been

available since June. Rebuilding and widening of the eastbound lanes began in late June and four lanes were opened to traffic in both directions by Christmas. Work on the Mill Street Bridge began in April and was complete in mid-August.

**Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How**

Rebuilding this section addressed the premature deterioration of an overlay, resulting from poor ground conditions and experimental pavement techniques, and will provide a smoother ride. Widening this section was done under this project since this section was already under construction; additional sections of I-88 widening are scheduled to begin in 2006 from Washington Street to Finley Road.

**For further information visit [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) & view the construction section, or call 1-800-TOLL-FYI.**

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