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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**
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**REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) EASTBOUND EXIT RAMP TO WESTBOUND I-290 TO CLOSE OVERNIGHT FOR RESURFACING**

*Posted detour will direct traffic to the Mannheim Road Interchange*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** The ramp carrying traffic from the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to westbound I-290 is scheduled to close overnight this week and traffic detoured for pavement resurfacing.

Ramp closures are scheduled from 10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, until 5 a.m. on Wednesday, October 31, and from 10 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, until 5 a.m. on Friday, November 2. The detour will route traffic east on I-88 to I-290, where drivers will be directed to exit at Mannheim Road north, then re-enter via the westbound I-290 entrance ramp.

Closure of the ramp is necessary to complete pavement resurfacing because the ramp is not wide enough to accommodate a work zone while maintaining traffic. The work is being done during overnight hours to minimize the impact to commuter traffic.

The work is being completed as part of the $112.6 million Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Resurfacing Project to extend the life of the roadway and provide a new, smooth surface.

**Work Zone Safety**
A 45 mph speed limit is in effect 24/7 in all construction zones, whether or not workers are present. Drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times. Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is $375. Posted signs advise drivers of a $10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

**Getting Tollway Construction Information**
The Tollway offers a variety of ways for drivers to get the latest information, including:

- www.illinoistollway.com – Construction/Planning Section – for details by road
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- Up-to-the-minute traffic by roadway – www.nbcchicago.com
- eNewsletter – www.illinoistollway.com

**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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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