

Roadway, Bridge & Ramp Repairs

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2024, the Illinois Tollway work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) will include pavement repairs between U.S. Route 30 and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), crossroad bridge repairs at Tower Road and Peace Road, mainline bridge repairs at Illinois Route 53 and ramp repair work at the DeKalb Oasis.

Additional work includes barrier and retaining wall repairs, median repairs, drainage and electrical improvements and landscaping.

This work is scheduled to begin in the spring and be complete in 2025.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Repair work on I-88 will extend the life of the roadway, ramps and bridges and improve travel for Tollway customers.

Roadway repair work between U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls and Illinois Route 56 in Sugar Grove includes repairing and sealing asphalt pavement on I-88 and sealing asphalt shoulders.

Roadway repair work between Illinois Route 56 in Sugar Gove and I-294 in Oak Brook, includes concrete pavement patching.

Bridges scheduled for repairs include the Tower Road and Peace Road bridges over I-88 and mainline bridges at Beach Creek and Illinois Route 53.

- Peace Road Bridge deck and beam repairs, as well as slope wall work.
- Tower Road Bridge slope wall repairs and roadway resurfacing.
- Mainline repairs over the Beach Creek culvert.
- Mainline bridge over Illinois Route 53 approach slab and retaining wall repairs, as well as bridge staining and painting.

In addition, the Tollway is repairing the ramps at the DeKalb Oasis. Work includes asphalt milling and resurfacing and patching of concrete pavement.

Customer Impacts

Lane closures and traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

During the work on I-88 over Illinois Route 53, a detour of the ramp connecting westbound I-88 to Illinois Route 53 will be scheduled for one weekend.

As part of the mainline pavement patching work, a weekend closure and detour of the ramp connecting Downers Drive to westbound I-88 will also be scheduled for one weekend.

Local lane closures and traffic shifts will also be needed on Tower Road and Peace Road to complete the work on those crossroad bridges.

Additionally, during the ramp repairs at the DeKalb Oasis, several overnight ramp closures will be needed to complete the work and there will be no westbound I-88 access to the Oasis during this time.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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.

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 and drivers face up to a \$25,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

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Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

Visit the Tollway's Roadway Safety page at <u>illinoistollway.com</u>.

PURPOSE

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and bridges and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Construction is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DeKalb County, Kane County, Lee County, Ogle County, Whiteside County, and the City of DeKalb, as well as local government and highway departments and local fire and police departments.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- <u>Illinoistollway.com</u> Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- <u>Daily construction alerts</u> Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- <u>Twitter.com</u> Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.