

Washington Street to Finley Road Rebuild & Widen Project & Naperville Road Interchange

The Illinois Tollway has completed work to rebuild and widen the 5.7-mile section of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Washington Street and Finley Road to reduce congestion for Tollway customers. The project is one of several underway throughout a 23-mile corridor from Oak Brook to North Aurora. This work is part of the Tollway's Congestion-Relief Program to reduce travel times.

Work to rebuild & widen I-88 to four lanes between Washington Street and Finley Road also includes interchange improvements at Naperville Road, IL Route 53 and the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), and bridge rebuilding & widening at IL Route 53, Warrenville Road, the DuPage River, and Naperville Road. The Yackley Road Bridge has been widened.

Update – Latest Construction Info

The new Freedom Drive connector road between Warrenville Road and Diehl Road is now open to traffic, completing the final piece of the reconfigured Naperville Road Interchange. Traffic exiting at the interchange may now go north or south on Freedom Drive, with traffic signals providing left and right turns. Traffic entering I-88 westbound may access the ramp coming south from Warrenville Road or heading north from Diehl Road.

Naperville Road Interchange January 2009



The mainline Rebuild & Widen Project is now complete with four lanes of traffic in each direction on new pavement. Completion of this project means drivers have four lanes of new pavement in each direction in the 10-mile section between Finley Road and IL Route 59. Off-system work will continue to complete interchange work, landscaping and noise wall construction.

Naperville Road Interchange

The Naperville Road Interchange project is now complete.

IL Route 53 Interchange

Reconstruction of the new westbound exit ramp to IL Route 53 is complete with a signalized intersection to allow northbound and southbound movements.

Warrenville Road

A lane reduction will remain in place on Warrenville Road under I-88 until late spring 2009 to complete pavement reconstruction work under I-88 as part of the project to rebuild the Tollway bridge. One lane in each direction is currently running on the eastbound side of the road, which has been reconstructed. The westbound side of the road is now being reconstructed.

Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays

Three lanes of Tollway traffic will remain available in both directions during daytime hours throughout this project through the use of reduced lane widths and shifted lanes.

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. Remember to drive safely in work zones and abide by the 45 m.p.h. speed limit on the mainline. See the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at www.illinoistollway.com.

Schedule

- 2006 – Construction of retaining walls and drainage work completed. Reconstruction of Naperville Road interchange began.
- 2007 – Naperville Road westbound entrance and eastbound exit ramps reopened to traffic. Eastbound mainline rebuild and widen work completed.
- Spring 2008 – Westbound mainline rebuild and widen work scheduled to begin.
- 2008 – I-88 Rebuild and Widen from Washington to Finley complete by the end of 2008.
- 2009 – Freedom Drive connector road complete in early January between Diehl Road and Warrenville Road.

Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How

Rebuilding and widening this section of road will provide congestion relief and reduce travel times. Interchange improvements at Naperville Road, IL Route 53 and I-355 will improve traffic flow and safety.

The Illinois Tollway and DuPage County coordinated the construction and funding of the Naperville Road interchange project, with **DuPage County funding nearly half of the interchange project costs**. The Tollway is the lead agency on the interchange construction, while DuPage County is responsible for the construction of the local improvements, including the new connector road needed to access the reconfigured interchange.

The “washboard” section immediately to the west, from Washington Street to IL Route 59, was rebuilt and widened in 2005 to provide four new lanes in each direction. Rebuild and Widen projects to the east, from York Road to IL Route 83, and to the west, from the Aurora Toll Plaza to Orchard Road, began in 2007. An additional Rebuild & Widen Project from Finley Road to IL Route 83 is scheduled to begin in spring 2008.