



Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Rebuild & Widen Project IL Route 83 to York Road and York Road Plaza Rebuild

The Illinois Tollway is rebuilding and widening the 2-mile section of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between IL Route 83 and York Road in Oak Brook, including the completion of the new westbound York Road Toll Plaza. This work is part of the Tollway's Congestion-Relief Program to reduce travel times.

In addition to rebuilding the nearly 50-year-old roadway, the Rebuild & Widen Project will add a fourth lane in each direction to provide additional capacity and help reduce congestion. The project also will include completion of the cash plaza and the addition of a fourth Open Road Tolling (ORT) lane at the new westbound York Road Toll Plaza. Reconstruction of the connector ramp bridges between I-88 and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is included in this project to increase capacity from one lane to two lanes and permit access to the York Road Toll Plaza ORT lanes from the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294). In addition, the project includes rebuilding the Harger Road entrance to westbound I-88, and rebuilding the bridge over 22nd Street.

Update – Latest Construction Info

Traffic entering the cash side of the toll plaza is now shifted to new pavement on the right, and the plaza continues to provide one I-PASS Only lane and four tollbooths for those paying cash.

A westbound traffic shift is scheduled in mid-March that will route three ORT lanes into two counterflow lanes on the eastbound side of the road from the York Road Toll Plaza to Meyers Road. **Traffic in the counterflow lane does not have access to exit until Highland Avenue.** Cash-paying customers will be routed into two westbound lanes on the westbound side of the median. **Traffic exiting at Spring Road or IL Route 83 must go through the cash side of the toll plaza. There is no access to Spring Road or IL Route 83 exits from the ORT lanes.** Traffic entering from the Tri-State Tollway and the Harger Road westbound entrance ramp is directed through the cash side of the York Road Toll Plaza.

An eastbound counterflow is now in place between the Tri-State Tollway South exit ramp and York Road to provide a work zone to continue bridge work and keep three lanes open to traffic. The left-most eastbound lane is shifted onto the shoulder of the westbound side of the road. **Traffic planning to exit to southbound I-294 must be in the far right lane in advance of the split in order to exit. Traffic continuing eastbound in the counterflow lane will be able to exit to northbound I-294.**

22nd Street

Demolition of the I-88 bridges over 22nd Street began last fall and work is staged in sections to keep three lanes open on I-88 during reconstruction. Off-peak lane closures on 22nd Street under I-88 began in 2007. All 22nd Street traffic is now shifted to the south side of the road, with one lane of traffic in each direction in a counterflow configuration while providing a protected work zone on the north side of the road.

Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Connector Ramp

The Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Connector ramp is being removed in stages, with traffic shifted to keep the ramp open while reconstruction continues.

Spring Road Interchange

Pavement reconstruction work continues on the westbound exit from I-88 to Spring Road, with traffic shifted to the right side of the ramp. The entrance ramp from Spring Road will be reconstructed in 2008.

Minimizing Impact to Reduce Delays

Three lanes of Tollway traffic will remain available in both directions during daytime hours through the use of reduced lane widths and shifted lanes. A counterflow lane will be utilized during mainline rebuilding and widening in 2008 and 2009. At the York Road Toll Plaza, drivers will have four cash booths and one I-PASS Only lane on the cash side of the plaza. Three ORT lanes will be maintained when possible during the project.

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

- 2007 – Work began to rebuild and widen mainline and add a fourth Open Road Tolling lane at York Road Plaza. Harger Road ramp reconstructed.
- 2008 – Reconstruction of connector ramp bridges between I-88 and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) scheduled for completion.
- 2009 – I-88 Rebuild & Widen from IL Route 83 to York Road is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009.

Purpose – Pertinent Details on Why and How

This project is part of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Rebuild & Widen project to provide congestion relief and reduce travel times. The Illinois Tollway will be coordinating with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County and the Village of Oak Brook to coordinate bridge and roadway improvements on this project.

Farther west on the corridor, work has begun to rebuild and widen to four lanes in each direction from Washington Street to Finley Road; the section from IL Route 59 to Washington Street was rebuilt and widened to four lanes in 2005. And a project began in summer 2007 to rebuild and widen to three lanes the section from the Aurora Toll Plaza to Orchard Road.

For further information visit www.illinoistollway.com & view the construction section, or call 1-800-TOLL-FYI.

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