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**ROADWAY, BRIDGE AND RAMP REPAIRS BEGIN ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)
BETWEEN YORK ROAD AND ILLINOIS ROUTE 59**

Roadway and ramp lane closures required for repair work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Repair work is scheduled to begin on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between York Road and Illinois Route 59 this week and continue through the end of the year, including work on pavement, bridges and ramps.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place throughout construction to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits. Most of the work will be performed overnight and on weekends during the allowable lane closure hours to minimize the disruption to commuters.

Weather permitting, during the week of July 9, repair work is scheduled with off-peak lane closures in the eastbound lanes between Illinois Route 59 and Washington Street for pavement removal and replacement.

In late July, pavement repair on two ramps at the Winfield Road Interchange are scheduled over two weekends. During that time, traffic on the ramps connecting westbound I-88 to Winfield Road and Winfield Road to eastbound I-88 will be reduced.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway will complete intermittent pavement and bridge repairs in areas as needed along 16 miles of I-88 between Oak Brook and Naperville to extend the life of the roadway by providing timely repairs and maintenance, as well as shoulder, retaining wall and noisewall repairs and guardrail, drainage and lighting improvements. Work will also include ramp repairs at nine locations, including Winfield Road, Freedom Drive, Naperville Road, Illinois Route 53, I-355, Highland Avenue, Midwest Road, Illinois Route 83 and Spring Road (22nd Street).

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating construction work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County, local municipalities as well as local fire and police departments.

The improvements are funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information about the I-88 Roadway and Bridge Repair work is available on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and other area roadways remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway 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. On I-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

During single and double lane closures, traffic will be allowed to travel at the 60 mph posted speed limit between Illinois Route 59 and Washington Street and a 55 mph work zone speed limit will be posted between Washington Street and York Road. A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be posted in all areas during triple lane closures and also during the traffic shifts on the eastbound I-88 bridge over 22nd Street.

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 \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

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, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

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

- Illinoistollway.com – Interactive Tollway Map for construction and live roadway images.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) – Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- Travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times.
- Twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first six years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning for emerging projects.

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 294 miles of roadways 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), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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