



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) ROADWAY RESURFACING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK IN DIXON**

*Traffic reduced to a single lane in both direction during May*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin roadway resurfacing work next week on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Burkett Road and Red Brick Road in Dixon with traffic reductions scheduled to continue through May.

“These types of repairs are necessary to keep the Tollway in good condition for years to come,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on our customers and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits.”

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures. All work is weather dependent. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alerts](#).

On Monday, May 10, beginning at 7 a.m. traffic in both directions is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane between Burkett Road and Red Brick Road to accommodate road work. The shoulders on this segment of I-88 are too narrow to safely accommodate two lanes of traffic and provide for work zones during construction.

The resurfacing work will extend the life of the roadway and provide a smoother riding surface for the traveling public. The Illinois Tollway is coordinating construction work with 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*.

### **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. On I-88, a 55 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 can include up to a \$25,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker. Penalties for failure to slow down

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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.

**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 nine years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and 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 Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

**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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