



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **OVERNIGHT CLOSURES WITH RAMP DETOUR SCHEDULED ON I-290 AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE PROJECT AT I-294**

*Temporary ramp and lane closures needed through September to safely accommodate bridge beam placement*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin Saturday, September 11, on I-290 near the Village of Berkley and will include a detour of the ramp connecting the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to westbound I-290. Altogether, up to seven nights of intermittent, full closures will be needed on I-290 between I-294 and Wolf Road for bridge beam placement on the I-290/I-88 Interchange Project at I-294.

Electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight lane closures. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Saturday, September 11, at 8 p.m. on I-290 one westbound lane between Wolf Road and I-294 and one eastbound lane between St. Charles Road and Wolf Road are scheduled to close. Intermittent full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. on westbound I-290. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 10 a.m., Sunday, September 12.

On Sunday, September 12, similar overnight lane closures will be scheduled on I-290 in both directions, with intermittent, full closures on westbound I-290 and on the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound I-290. Intermittent full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday morning, September 13.

On Saturday, September 18, overnight roadway and ramp closures will be scheduled on I-290 with one westbound lane between Wolf Road and I-294 scheduled to close at 10 p.m. and intermittent full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. In addition, the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound I-290 is scheduled to close at 11 p.m. with a posted detour routing I-294 traffic to exit at Mannheim Road and then through the interchange ramps to access westbound I-290. The ramp and all lanes are scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. on Sunday, September 19.

Similar closures will be scheduled to continue through Thursday, September 23, with all lanes reopening by 5 a.m. on weekdays.

Later this month and continuing into October, overnight lane closures, including intermittent 15-minute full closures, will be scheduled in the eastbound lanes of I-290 and on the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290.



Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, City of Elmhurst and Village of Hillside, as well as local fire and police departments.

The reconfiguration and reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues as well as infrastructure conditions is part of the Illinois Tollway's Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95<sup>th</sup> Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

Information including maps, construction updates and a Virtual Open House is available on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) in the Projects section.

### **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.

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 with up to a \$25,000 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.

### **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* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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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