

REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY



Deerpath Road Bridge Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2021, the Illinois Tollway is scheduled to remove and replace the Deerpath Road Bridge over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to extend the life of the local crossroad bridge carrying traffic over the Tollway.

A full closure of the bridge and detour will be required for the duration of the project. Construction is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021.

PROJECT SUMMARY

As part of the Deerpath Road Bridge Project, the existing bridge carrying local traffic on Deerpath Road over the Tollway will be removed and replaced with a new, wider and higher structure. The existing bridge is more than 60 years old and will be replaced to extend the service life of the bridge and accommodate any future roadway improvements.

The new bridge will provide for two 13-foot lanes of traffic and 5-foot shoulders on Deerpath Road. In addition, the existing four-span structure will be replaced with a two-span bridge. This new structure was designed with any potential future improvements on I-88.

Additional work on this project includes, the roadway reconstruction on I-88 under the bridge, as well as guardrail, landscaping and drainage improvements.

Currently, up to 6,950 vehicles use the Deerpath Road Bridge daily.

Customer Impacts

Prior to and during construction, electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

Closure of the Deerpath Road Bridge with a posted detour will be scheduled in 2021 as part of the construction project. The full closure of the existing bridge will be necessary because the existing bridge structure is too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely providing a work zone to complete the removal and reconstruction of the bridge.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that both the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Deerpath Road remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

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 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.

Visit the Tollway's Safety page at illinoistollway.com.

PURPOSE

The bridge replacement is necessary to extend the life of the local crossroad bridge and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers.

This project is being coordinated with the City of Aurora, Aurora Township, Sugar Grove Township, and Kane County, as well as local fire and police departments.

This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing,

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recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

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

- Illinoistollway.com – Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://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.