



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **OVERNIGHT I-290 CLOSURES AND RAMP DETOURS SCHEDULED IN MARCH AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE PROJECT AT I-294**

*Temporary closures needed to safely accommodate utility and ramp work, traffic shift*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Weather permitting, overnight lane closures and ramp detours are planned in early March on I-290 near the Village of Berkley for utility work, traffic shifts and ramp work as part of the I-290/I-88 Interchange Project at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Several nights of closures will be needed on I-290 between St. Charles Road and Butterfield Road and on ramps connecting I-294 and I-290, including closure and detour of the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to westbound I-290.

At the completion of the closures, I-290 in both directions will be restored to its original configuration and the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to westbound I-290 will be reduced to a single lane through summer to provide a work zone for ramp work. Delays are expected. In addition, the ramps connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 and eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 are scheduled to shift to the outside.

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

On eastbound I-290 between St. Charles Road and Butterfield Road one night of overnight lane closures will be scheduled with a single lane closing at 8 p.m. and a second lane closing at 11 p.m., and on westbound I-290 between Wolf Road and Electric Avenue, a single lane closure will be scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. During this time intermittent full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, will be scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. on eastbound I-290, as well as on the ramps connecting southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290. All lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning.

In addition, on the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290, one night of full closures with detours will be scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. During the ramp closures posted detours will direct I-294 traffic and I-88 traffic eastbound on I-290 to Mannheim Road and then route traffic through the interchange to access westbound I-290. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning.



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.

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

### **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 10 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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