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

New traffic configuration on I-290 scheduled to be in place through May

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin Monday, March 28, on I-290 near the Village of Berkley and will include detours for the ramps connecting the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and to westbound I-290.

The traffic shifts on I-290 are needed to continue construction of the new ramp that will connect southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 as the Illinois Tollway works to rebuild and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294.

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

Beginning Monday, March 28, at 8 p.m. on eastbound I-290 one lane between St. Charles Road and Electric Avenue is scheduled to close, with a second lane closing at 11 p.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, with the new traffic shift in place on eastbound I-290.

On Tuesday, March 29, on westbound I-290, one lane between Wolf Road and Electric Avenue is scheduled to close at 11 p.m. with a second lane scheduled to close at 12:30 a.m. In addition, the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 are scheduled to close at 1 a.m. A detour will be posted routing northbound 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 5 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30. Similar closures of the westbound lanes are also scheduled Wednesday into Thursday, March 31 with the new traffic shift in place on westbound I-290 when lanes reopen.

If work cannot be completed during this time, additional closures will be scheduled for Thursday into Friday, April 1.

Traffic on I-290 is scheduled to remain in this configuration through May. Additional traffic shifts and ramp closures will be needed to continue work on this project.



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 and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

The reconfiguration and reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project cost is estimated at \$700-\$800 million and will reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues as well as infrastructure conditions as 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 95th 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.

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 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 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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