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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE IN MAY AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE PROJECT AT I-294

*On-going temporary closures needed to safely accommodate
ramp and bridge work and maintain access for traffic*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight ramp closures with detours will continue throughout May for the Illinois Tollway’s ongoing work to reconstruct and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

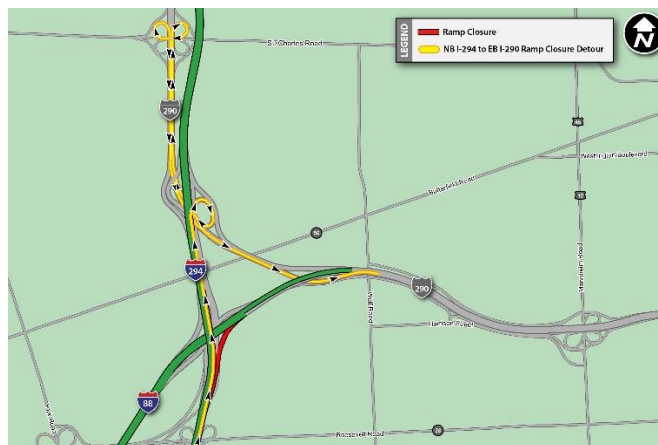
Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight lane closures, traffic shifts and ramp detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Multiple nights of closures will be put in place as needed on the ramps connecting I-294 and I-290, including the closure and detour of the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound I-290.

Tonight, May 1, overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on northbound I-294 between Cermak Road and I-88, including full roadway closures, each lasting 15-minutes beginning at midnight, for barrier wall, roadway signage and pavement striping work.

In addition, at midnight an overnight closure and detour will be scheduled on the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound I-290. A detour will be posted directing I-294 traffic to westbound I-290 and St. Charles Road and then route traffic through the interchange to access eastbound I-290.

The ramp and all lanes are scheduled to open by 5 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2.



NB I-294 to EB I-290 Detour

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Throughout May, additional closures will be scheduled as needed at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294, including lane closures on I-290, as well as the overnight closures and detours of the ramps below. During the closures, ramp detours will be as follows:

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- Northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290: Traffic will be routed to eastbound I-290 to Mannheim Road and through the interchange onto westbound I-290.
- Eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 and westbound I-88: Traffic will be routed to Mannheim Road and through the interchange onto westbound I-290 to southbound I-294 and westbound I-88.
- Eastbound Roosevelt Road to eastbound I-290: Traffic will be routed to northbound Mannheim Road onto eastbound I-290.
- Eastbound I-88 and westbound I-290 to northbound I-294: Traffic will be routed to Mannheim Road and through the interchange to westbound I-290 and onto northbound I-294.
- Northbound I-294 to eastbound I-290: Traffic will be routed onto westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road and then through the interchange to access eastbound I-290.



NB I-294 and EB I-88 to WB I-290
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EB I-290 to SB I-294 and WB I-88
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EB Roosevelt Rd to EB I-290
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EB I-88 and WB I-290 to NB I-294
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NB I-294 to EB I-290
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Overnight closures and detours of ramps at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 are scheduled to continue through the end of the year as needed. Information including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

Work in 2023 at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 includes ongoing reconstruction of bridges over Roosevelt Road, I-88, Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290 and Electric Avenue and work to build a temporary ramp from southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 and westbound I-88.

The reconfiguration and reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange 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 \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project. Work started in 2020 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2026.

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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 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 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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