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LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON ROOSEVELT ROAD AT THE CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Closures needed to safely accommodate bridge beam removal as part of the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Nightly bridge beam removal work is scheduled this week in the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and will require lane closures on Roosevelt Road under I-294, as well as on the Tollway.

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

Beginning Wednesday, February 28, two nights of overnight lane closures are anticipated on Roosevelt Road with intermittent, 15-minute full closures scheduled between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. In addition, to accommodate the bridge beam removal lane closures are also scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. nightly on northbound I-294 between Roosevelt Road and St. Charles Road.

Additional roadway and ramp closures, including 15-minute full closures, will be needed again in late spring for bridge beam placement work.

Ongoing overnight lane and ramp closures and long-term ramp closures with detours are scheduled to continue on these roadways for bridge removal and construction associated with the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway Illinois Tollway and the reconfiguration of the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294. Ongoing long-term ramp closures with detours continuing this year include the ramp connecting westbound I-290 to northbound I-294 and the ramp connecting westbound Roosevelt Road to southbound I-294.

Ramp and local road closures in this area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, Village of Hillside, City of Elmhurst, Proviso Township, Village of Oak Brook as well as local fire and police departments.

Information about ongoing long-term and overnight ramp closures and detours including maps and construction updates are available on the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project \[illinoistollway.com\]](#) page on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

Work in 2024 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, as well as noisewall construction and drainage, electrical and lighting improvements.

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.

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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 *Move Illinois* Program. 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. On Butterfield Road, a 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect. 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.

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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway 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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