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## **BRIDGE REPAIR WORK BEGINS ON THE EASTERN REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

*Bridge cleaning, sealing and joint repairs are scheduled to begin on Yackley Avenue today, Warrenville Road and Illinois Route 53 next week*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Bridge work on the eastern Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) is scheduled to begin in Lisle today at Yackley Avenue and continue next week at Warrenville Road and Illinois Route 53. Off-peak local road lane closures will be needed on Illinois Route 53 and Warrenville Road to complete the work at those locations.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway is repairing six bridges along the eastern end of I-88, including I-88 bridges over the Fox River, Yackley Avenue, Warrenville Road, Illinois Route 53 and I-355, as well as the Highland Avenue Bridge over I-88. In addition, work is planned on the ramp bridge over Finley Road carrying traffic from westbound I-88 to the northbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355). Resurfacing work is also scheduled on the ramp carrying southbound I-355 traffic to eastbound I-88. Work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Repairs will begin with work to clean and seal the I-88 bridge structures over Yackley Avenue, Warrenville Road and Illinois Route 53. No local road lane closures on Yackley Avenue will be needed for this work. However, during the week of July 11, daily, off-peak lane closures will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Illinois Route 53 in both directions and on eastbound Warrenville Road at I-88.

Later this summer, overnight lane closures on I-88 will be required at all three locations, as well as at the Fox River and Highland Avenue to accommodate bridge joint repair work.

Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the I-88 bridge repairs.

In addition, later this summer two weekend-long closures of the ramp from westbound I-88 to northbound I-355 will be scheduled along with a posted detour. Work at this location will include bridge deck repairs and pavement work, in addition to bridge cleaning, sealing and joint replacement.

The I-88 bridge repair work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, along with local fire and police departments.

Construction information about the [East Reagan Memorial Tollway \(I-88\) Bridge Repairs](#) is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that I-88 and other area roadways remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

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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-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

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

- [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times
- [www.twitter.com](http://www.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.

### **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 292 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), 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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