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## **WEEKEND CLOSURE SCHEDULED ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) RAMP TO NORTHBOUND VETERANS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-355)**

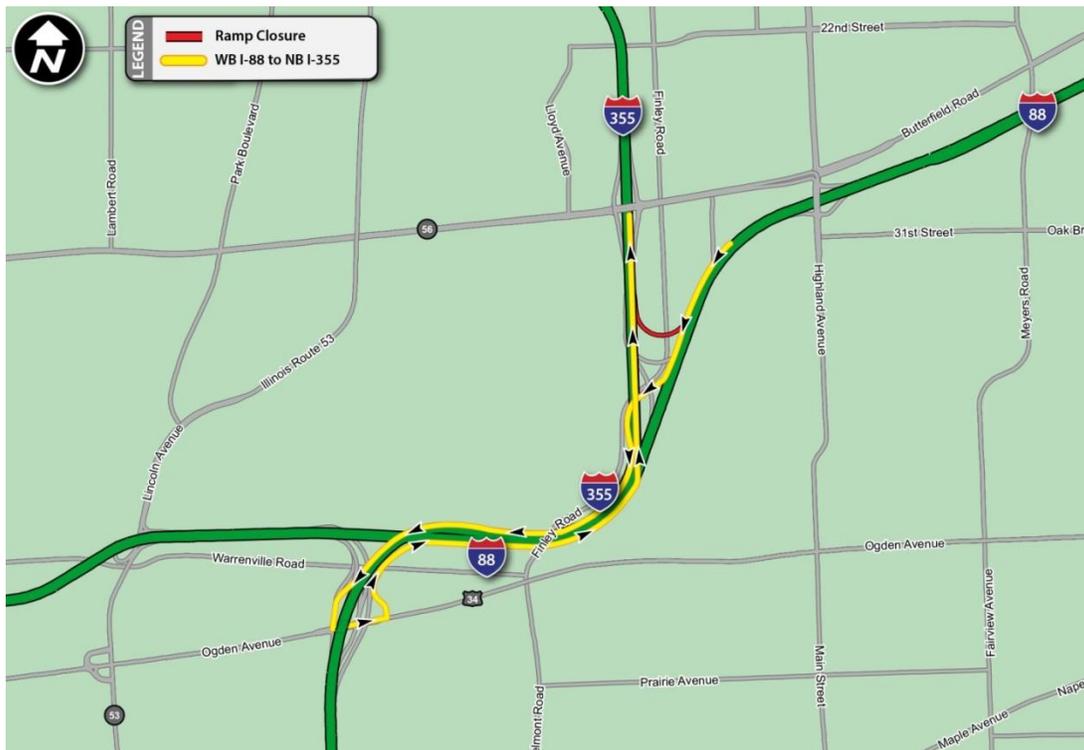
*Detour required August 19-22 for repairs on the ramp bridge over Finley Road*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A weekend closure of the ramp carrying the westbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to the northbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) over Finley Road is scheduled next week as part of bridge work on the eastern end of I-88.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the weekend closure. The temporary closure is necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the I-88 bridge repairs. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, August 19, the ramp carrying traffic from westbound I-88 to northbound I-355 will close for the weekend to provide a work zone for bridge joint replacement and deck repairs. A detour will be posted routing westbound I-88 traffic to exit to southbound I-355. Traffic will then be directed to exit to Ogden Avenue and reenter northbound I-355. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, August 22, ahead of the morning rush hour. There is no additional toll associated with this detour.

A second closure with detour will be scheduled in the fall to complete the repair work.



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.

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.

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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