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DIXON INTERCHANGE RAMP ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) REOPENS

Bridge work complete on ramp carrying eastbound I-88 traffic to Illinois Route 26

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway has completed bridge work on the Dixon Interchange ramp carrying eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) traffic to Illinois Route 26 ahead of schedule and the ramp reopened today, August 29.

The ramp reopened this afternoon before the evening commute and the detour route has been removed. Up to 1,300 vehicles use the ramp on a daily basis. The bridge replacement work on the Dixon Interchange Ramp began in April.

The Illinois Tollway is repairing six local crossroad bridges on the western segment of I-88 in 2016. Other local crossroad bridges include Hoyle, Atkinson, Bollman and Nelson Road Bridges. Work on the Pump Factory Road Bridge has been complete. Repairs on the local crossroad bridge structures include pavement patching, bridge joint replacement and repairs on beams and girders.

All work is being coordinated with Whiteside and Lee Counties and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local municipalities, townships, school districts and police and fire departments.

Maps and construction project information about the <u>Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Local Crossroad</u> <u>Bridge Project</u> is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at <u>www.illinoistollway.com.</u>

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.

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 Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI Daily lane closure information
- <u>www.travelmidwest.com</u> Real-time travel times
- www.twitter.com Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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.