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**LOCAL CROSSROAD BRIDGE, RAMP CLOSURES NEAR DIXON, ROCK FALLS SCHEDULED
ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

Bridge repairs needed to extend the life of bridges in Lee County

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Three local crossroad bridges carrying traffic over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) near Dixon and Rock Falls are scheduled for daily closures next week for bridge joint work. In addition, ramp bridge closures at the Illinois Route 26 Interchange in Dixon will be scheduled in late October to complete paving on I-88 and at the interchange.

Only one local crossroad bridge will be closed at a time to reduce inconvenience to drivers and to provide access to alternate routes. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the work at the local crossroad bridges. All work is weather dependent.

On Monday, October 17, the Atkinson Road Bridge is scheduled to close from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No detours will be posted. Up to 50 vehicles use the bridge on a daily basis.

On Tuesday, October 18, the Bollman Road Bridge is scheduled to close from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No detours will be posted. Up to 10 vehicles use the Bollman Road Bridge on a daily basis.

On Wednesday, October 19 the Nelson Road Bridge is scheduled to close from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No detours will be posted. Up to 850 vehicles use the Nelson Road Bridge on a daily basis.

In addition, during the week of October 24, the ramp bridge carrying eastbound I-88 traffic over I-88 to Illinois Route 26 is scheduled to close for a single day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for repairs. A posted detour will be put in place directing traffic to exit at U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls located 11 miles west of the interchange and follow the detour route east to Illinois Route 26. Up to 1,300 vehicles use the ramp on a daily basis.

During the week of October 31, the ramp bridge carrying Illinois Route 26 to eastbound I-88 is also scheduled to close for a single day for repairs. A posted detour will be put in place directing traffic onto westbound I-88 to U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls where drivers will be routed through the interchange and back on to eastbound I-88. Up to 1,400 vehicles use the ramp on a daily basis.

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The Illinois Tollway is repairing six local crossroad bridges on the western segment of I-88 in 2016. Repairs are complete at the Pump Factory Road Bridge. The Hoyle Road Bridge repairs do not require a closure of the bridge. Repairs on the local crossroad bridge structures included pavement patching, bridge joint replacement and repairs on beams and girders. Construction and bridge closures are being staggered so that adjacent bridges are not under construction at the same time.

Full closure of the local crossroad bridges is necessary because the bridge structures are not wide enough to maintain traffic and provide a work zone. In addition to providing a safe work zone for construction workers and drivers, closure of the bridges will allow work to be complete in half the time.

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

The local crossroad bridges are being rehabilitated to extend the life of the structures and the repairs are being done in coordination with the of the resurfacing of I-88, between U.S. Route 52 near Dixon and U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls.

Maps and construction project information about the [Reagan Memorial Tollway \(I-88\) Local Crossroad Bridge Project](#) is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at 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.

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
- www.travelmidwest.com – 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.

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