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CLOSURE AND DETOUR SCHEDULED FOR RAMP FROM OGDEN AVENUE TO EASTBOUND REGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN LISLE

Two-week closure in October needed for ramp reconstruction

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A two-week closure and detour of the ramp connecting Ogden Avenue to the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in Lisle is scheduled to begin in mid-October for ramp reconstruction work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures and posted detours throughout the repair work. The closure is necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction. All work is weather dependent.

Weather permitting, on Monday, October 16, the ramp closure is scheduled to begin and a detour will be posted. The detour will direct traffic from Ogden Avenue to travel northbound on Authority Drive to Warrenville Road where traffic will be directed west to the Illinois Route 53 Interchange and onto eastbound I-88.



The work is necessary to extend the life of the ramp and enable the Tollway to provide safe and convenient travel for customers. The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments.

The improvement is part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future.*

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) remains 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.

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. 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:

- <u>Illinoistollway.com</u> Explore Projects section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI Daily lane closure information
- travelmidwest.com Real-time travel times
- <u>twitter.com</u> 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), 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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