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**RECONSTRUCTION WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK ON THE YORK ROAD BRIDGE
OVER THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN OAK BROOK**

Bridge work is part of the I-88 Reconstruction Project scheduled for 2018-2019

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway will begin advance work this week to prepare for the reconstruction of the east end of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between York Road and I-290, including building an additional lane on the westbound side. The two-year project also includes reconstruction and widening of the York Road Bridge, repair and widening of the I-88 bridges over Roosevelt Road, improvements on the ramps connecting I-88 and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and noisewall construction adjacent to residential areas.

Beginning the week of December 18, work is scheduled to begin to prepare for removal of the York Road Bridge carrying traffic over the I-88 in Oak Brook. Electronic message signs and construction signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the closures.

One lane in both directions on York Road will be closed to allow for the removal of the raised median and for the construction of median crossovers. Traffic is expected to remain in this configuration through the end of the year.

To accommodate reconstruction and widening on I-88, the Illinois Tollway is removing the existing York Road Bridge and replacing it with a new bridge featuring a reinforced concrete deck on precast concrete beams. The existing four-span, four-lane bridge will be replaced with a two-span, five-lane bridge to coordinate with future local improvements planned for York Road.

Reconstruction of the York Road Bridge is scheduled to begin in February. All traffic will be shifted into the southbound lanes, for the removal and reconstruction of the northbound lanes. Once this work is complete, all traffic will be shifted onto the new bridge and work to remove and reconstruct the southbound lanes will begin. The bridge is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2018.

In February, work is also scheduled to begin to widen and repair bridges carrying Roosevelt Road over I-88. The existing bridges will be widened to accommodate construction of an additional westbound lane on I-88 and to provide a shoulder for the eastbound lanes. The work also will include repairs to the existing bridge deck, beams and piers. Construction will require lane reductions on Roosevelt Road and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2018.

Work to improve the east end of I-88 between York Road and I-290 is scheduled to begin in 2018 with work to reconstruct and widen westbound I-88 to provide four lanes of new roadway and reconstruction of the eastbound lanes scheduled for 2019. In addition, to accommodate the roadway improvements, the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and southbound I-294 to westbound I-88 will be reconfigured to match up with the newly widened pavement.

As part of this project, the Illinois Tollway will upgrade roadway lighting as well as install new noisewall on the eastbound side of I-88 between York Road and Roosevelt Road and on the westbound side of I-88 between I-294 and Roosevelt Road.



The I-88 Reconstruction Project will extend the life of the roadway, increase traffic capacity and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. More than 130,000 vehicles use this stretch of I-88 daily and more than 15,200 vehicles use the York Road Bridge daily.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Oak Brook, the City of Elmhurst, Village of Hillside, York Township and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments. The project is funded by the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first five years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-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 294 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.