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**OVERNIGHT LANE AND LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED
ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) AND YORK ROAD IN OAK BROOK**

Temporary, full closures planned for bridge beam removal as part of roadway improvement project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight lane closures are scheduled this week and next on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and on York Road for bridge replacement work as part of the I-88 Reconstruction Project in Oak Brook.

Bridge beam removal will be scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the repairs at the York Road Bridge.

Weather permitting, on Friday, July 20, one westbound lane on I-88 is scheduled to close at 7 p.m. with a second lane closing at 10 p.m. Intermittent, full closures of I-88, each lasting 15 minutes, will be scheduled to begin at midnight, for bridge beam removal. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning on I-88.

In addition, York Road will be reduced to a single lane over I-88 during bridge beam removal beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 20. Traffic will be maintained in both directions with flaggers. York Road will reopen to one lane in each direction by 7 a.m. the following mornings.

A second night of full stops will also be needed for beam removal over the eastbound lanes. That work is tentatively scheduled for the following weekend on Friday, July 27.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (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 York Road, a 30 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. On I-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in place.

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.

I-88 Reconstruction Project

The I-88 Reconstruction Project will extend the life of the roadway, increase traffic capacity and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. In addition, to rebuilding and widening I-88, the two-year project also includes rebuilding and widening the York Road Bridge, repair and widening of the I-88 bridges over Roosevelt Road, improvements on the ramps connecting I-88 and I-294 and noisewall construction adjacent to residential areas.

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 15-year, \$14 billion *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 six years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning for emerging projects.

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.

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