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## RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE ANNIE GLIDDEN ROAD INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN DEKALB

*Ramp closure and detour scheduled to last two weeks*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Two weeks of closures are needed on the ramp connecting the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to Annie Glidden Road to complete interchange reconstruction work, which began this spring. All other ramps will remain open.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to the scheduled closure and detour. All work at the interchange is scheduled to be completed by the end of fall.

Weather permitting, on Monday, October 15, the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to Annie Glidden Road is scheduled to close for barrier wall repair work. A posted detour will direct traffic to exit at the Peace Road Interchange and use Lincoln Highway (Illinois Route 38) to reach Annie Glidden Road.



In addition, traffic on I-88 in this area is reduced from two lanes to one in each direction for a roadway resurfacing project. The shoulders on this segment of I-88 are too narrow to safely accommodate traffic shifts and provide for work zones.

The Illinois Tollway has scheduled work to resurface and rebuild ramps and bridges at six interchanges on I-88 between Illinois Route 251 and Orchard Road. At the Annie Glidden Road Interchange, all four

ramps connecting I-88 to Annie Glidden Road are scheduled to be rebuilt. Bridge deck repairs are also scheduled on the ramp bridge connecting Annie Glidden Road and eastbound I-88. Lighting improvements are also planned.

Maps and construction information about the I-88 Interchange Improvements is available on the Tollway's website at [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

The improvements on I-88 will extend the life of the roadway and interchanges improving travel in the area and providing convenient access to local communities and support economic opportunities. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Construction is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, City of DeKalb, DeKalb County, Kane County, Ogle County, Dement Township, Malta Township, DeKalb Township, City of Rochelle, Pierce Township, Kaneville Township, Village of Sugar Grove and Cortland Township, as well as local fire and police departments and Northern Illinois University.

### **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 I-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 or failure to comply with the Move Over Law.

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.

Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) – Interactive Tollway Map for construction and live roadway images.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) – Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **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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