

# REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY



## Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Reconstruction Project

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway is rebuilding and widening the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), between I-290 and York Road in Oak Brook. The two-year project also includes rebuilding and widening the York Road Bridge, repairing 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 noise wall construction adjacent to residential areas.

In 2019, work includes the reconstruction of the eastbound lanes, as well as installation of new noise wall and lighting upgrades. Repair work is also scheduled to continue on the bridges carrying I-88 over Roosevelt Road. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2019.

In addition, repair work is scheduled to begin this year on two additional ramps at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Interchange.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing the 2.4-mile segment of I-88 to extend the life of the roadway and improve travel in the area.

#### Roadway Rebuilding and Widening

Work to improve the east end of I-88 between York Road and I-290 includes removing existing pavement and replacing it with reinforced concrete pavement.

The project also will upgrade roadway lighting and provides for install new noise wall 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.

In 2018, westbound I-88 was widened to provide four lanes of new roadway between York Road and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

In 2019, the Tollway will complete mainline roadway and bridge reconstruction of the eastbound lanes on I-88.

#### Ramp Work

Improvements are scheduled to begin in 2019 on ramps at the I-294 Interchange.

Work will continue to reconfigure the existing ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and

connecting southbound I-294 to westbound I-88 to match up with newly widened pavement.

In addition, repair work is scheduled to begin on the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88. Repair work includes pavement reconstruction, bridge rehabilitation, construction of noise walls, guardrail and cable median work, as well as drainage, landscaping, roadway lighting and signage work.

#### Bridge Work

The project includes additional improvements to bridges to accommodate rebuilding and widening of I-88.

In 2018 the Tollway completed removal and replacement of the York Road Bridge to accommodate the wider roadway. The four-span, four-lane bridge was replaced with a two-span, five-lane bridge to coordinate with future local improvements planned for York Road. The new bridge features a reinforced concrete deck on precast concrete beams.

In addition, the bridges carrying I-88 over Roosevelt Road are being repaired and widened. Existing bridge deck, beams and piers are being repaired and the bridge will be widened to accommodate construction of the additional westbound lane on I-88 and to provide a shoulder for the eastbound lanes.

#### Customer Impacts

Lane closures and traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate traffic during construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

On I-88, traffic shifts, including a counterflow, will be required in 2019.

Access to Mannheim Road from eastbound I-88 will also be reduced during construction.

### 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

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overall commitment to roadway safety.

A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect on I-88 throughout the reconstruction project. Work 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 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.

Visit the Tollway’s Work Zone Safety page at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com).

## PURPOSE

Pavement reconstruction will provide customers increased traffic capacity, improve the overall driving experience, and extend the life of the roadway.

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.

## BUILDING GREEN

The Tollway is committed to "Building Green" and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

## 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) – Explore Projects section, live roadway

images and real-time roadway incident information.

- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [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.