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## **OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK AT THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 31 INTERCHANGE ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

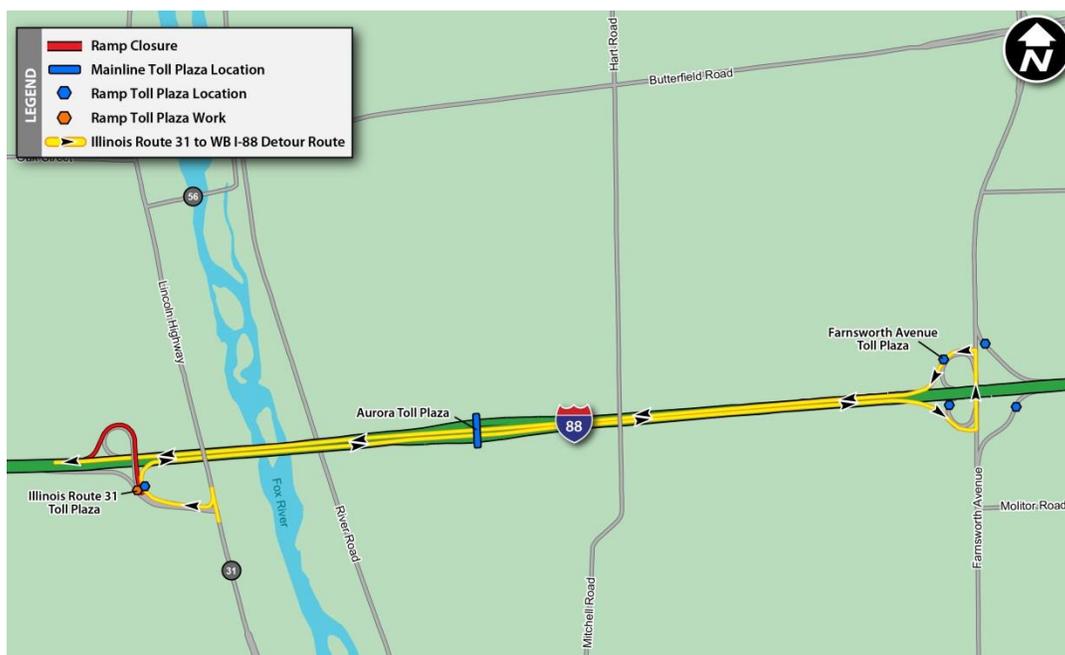
*Two nights of closures needed to complete toll equipment upgrades at Illinois Route 31 ramp toll plazas*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight ramp closures are scheduled this week at the Illinois Route 31 Interchange on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) for toll plaza work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers. The closures are needed to replace tolling equipment at the ramp toll plazas.

On Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m., the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-88 to Illinois Route 31 is scheduled to close. Drivers will have the option to exit at the Orchard Road Interchange prior to Illinois Route 31 or Illinois Route 25 Interchange to the east. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 12:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 8.

On Thursday, November 8, the ramp carrying Illinois Route 31 to westbound I-88 is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. A detour will be posted directing traffic to enter I-88 eastbound, exit at Farnsworth Avenue and then re-enter I-88 heading westbound. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 2 a.m. on Friday, November 9.



Detoured traffic will be required to pay the eastbound toll at the Aurora Toll Plaza. No westbound tolls will be collected for detoured traffic. I-PASS customers will receive a toll credit for excess detour tolls within seven to 10 days.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway is upgrading toll collection equipment on its system, including at the Illinois Route 31 Interchange on I-88, to better serve customers by offering credit card and improved cash payment options.

Closures and detour are being coordinated with the City of Aurora, Presence Mercy Medical Center, 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) – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Travelmidwest.com](http://Travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times.
- [Twitter.com](http://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.