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LONG-TERM TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK IN OAK BROOK FOR REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

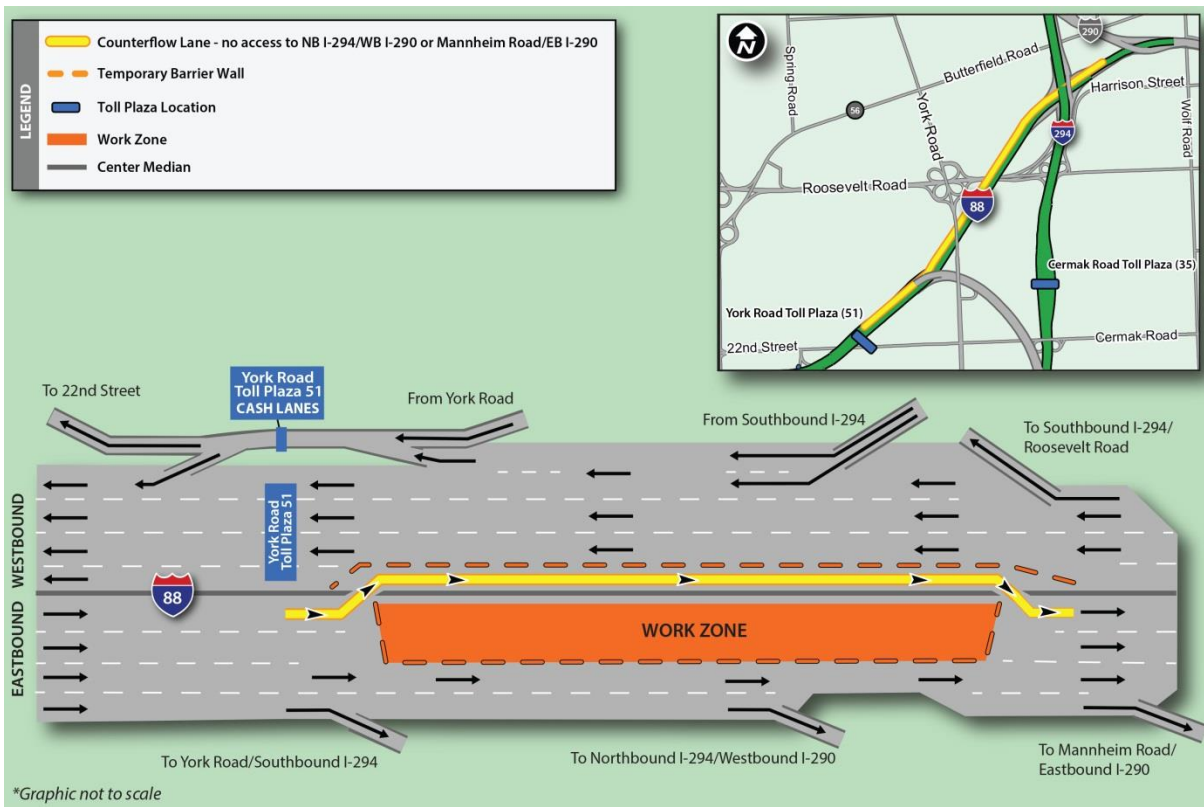
Eastbound roadway reconstruction scheduled in 2019 between I-290 and York Road

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to restart work this week on the reconstruction and widening of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between I-290 and York Road in Oak Brook.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of work that will have an impact on traffic in both directions on I-88. More than 130,000 vehicles use this stretch of I-88 daily.

Beginning Friday, March 15, traffic shifts are scheduled to begin to create a construction work zone for the reconstruction of the eastbound lanes on I-88.

By the end of the month, all westbound traffic will be shifted to the right and eastbound traffic will be shifted as well with one lane of traffic traveling on the westbound side of I-88 to accommodate a work zone and at least two lanes of traffic in both directions.



All work is weather dependent, and additional traffic shifts will continue as roadway construction progresses. Throughout construction, eastbound traffic traveling on the westbound side of I-88 will not have access to exit to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) or to Mannheim Road.

Reconstruction of the eastbound side of I-88 is scheduled to be complete this year.

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that I-88 remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety. A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect in areas with construction on I-88.

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 and repair and widening of the I-88 bridges over Roosevelt Road, which were completed in 2018, as well as 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 *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 seven 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.

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