



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **NEW TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED ON RAMP AT REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)/TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) INTERCHANGE**

*Ramp reconstruction scheduled to continue through fall*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A new traffic shift is scheduled to begin this weekend on the ramp connecting the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) as ramp reconstruction work continues.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the new traffic pattern changes. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the roadway remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of our overall commitment to roadway safety,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We ask drivers to be attentive in work zones by watching for changing traffic patterns and using caution, especially when workers are present.”

Overnight Friday, September 27, into Saturday, September 28, one lane on the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close at midnight to prepare for the traffic shift. When the lane reopens, two lanes of traffic will be split with a work zone in the middle. Traffic exiting to York Road will need to stay to the right. Traffic will be able to access I-294 from both lanes.

A backup date of Monday, September 30, into Tuesday, October 1, has been scheduled in case of weather delays.

Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration through October.

In 2019, the Illinois Tollway is improving two ramps at the I-88/I-294 Interchange – eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88. Ramp improvements include pavement reconstruction, bridge rehabilitation, construction of noisewalls, guardrail and cable median work, as well as drainage, landscaping, roadway lighting and signage work.

Pavement reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation will improve the overall driving experience and extend the life of the ramps. More than 23,730 vehicles use the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294.

Construction is being coordinated with the Village of Oak Brook, as well as local fire and police departments. The improvements are funded by the Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information about the I-88 Roadway Reconstruction Project is available on the Tollway’s website at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway map and under in the Projects section.

**Work Zone Safety**

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A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect on I-88, including on both ramps connecting I-88 and I-294, 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 \$250. 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.
- [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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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