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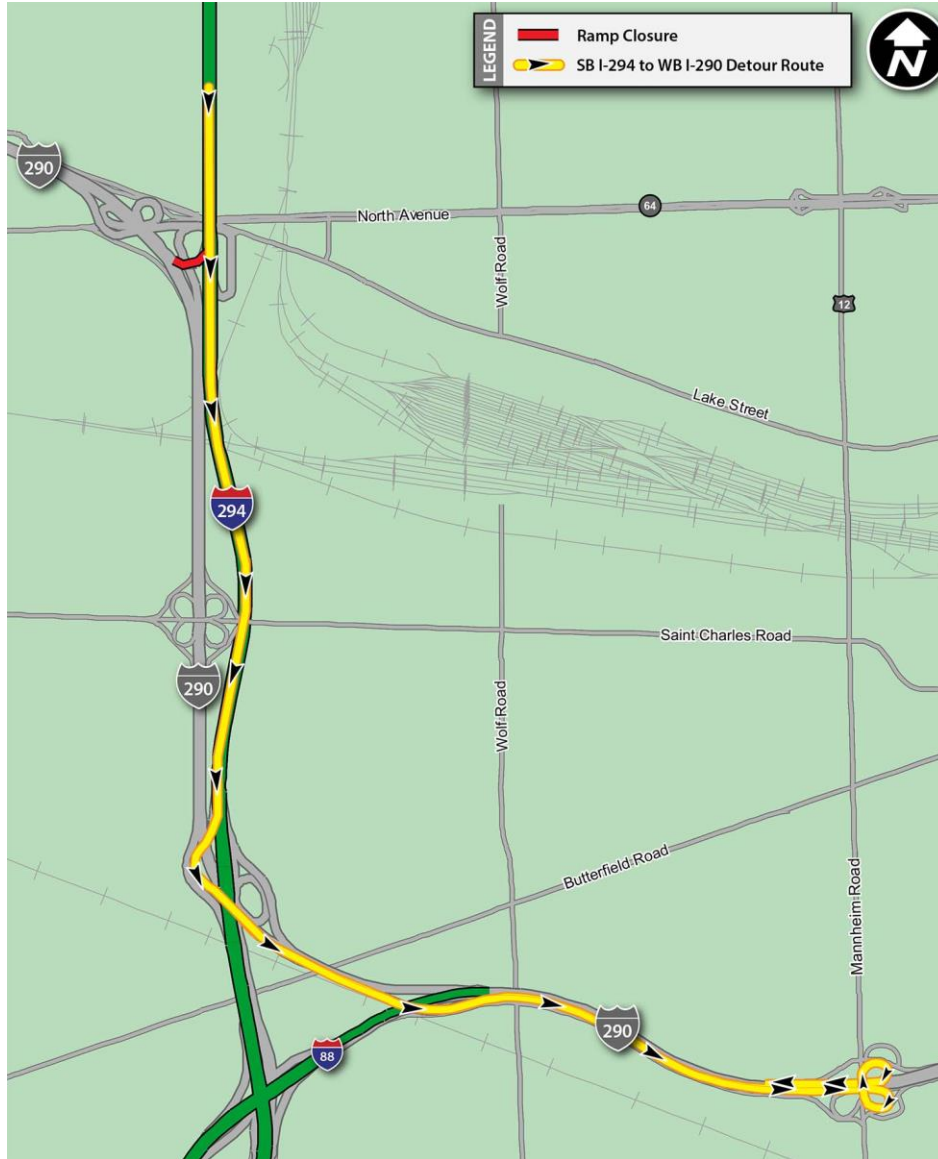
**LONG-TERM RAMP CLOSURE AND DETOUR TO BEGIN THIS WEEK
AT I-290 FOR CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) PROJECT**

Month-long ramp closure at southbound I-294 to westbound I-290 set for ramp and pavement reconstruction

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin a long-term closure this week for the ramp connecting the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to westbound I-290 for ramp and pavement reconstruction as work continues on the Tollway’s Central Tri-State Tollway Project. The ramp closure and posted detour are scheduled to be in place through November.

Electronic message and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers on I-294 to the construction work zones, ramp closure and detour. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

On Thursday, October 21, beginning at 8 p.m. the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to westbound I-290 is scheduled to be closed to traffic with a posted detour for one month. The detour will direct traffic to continue southbound on I-294 to the eastbound I-290 ramp before routing traffic to Mannheim Road and through the interchange ramps to access westbound I-290.



Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, as well as local fire and police departments.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Reconstruction and widening work on the Central Tri-State Tollway between Balmoral Avenue and St. Charles Road began in June 2018 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2024. Work in this northern section of the Central Tri-State includes repairing, resurfacing and widening I-294 between Balmoral Avenue and St. Charles Road along with improvements to medians, bridges and ramps, as well as reconstructing the inside shoulders to include Flex Lanes. The Illinois Tollway has already completed roadway, bridge and ramp improvements between Balmoral Avenue and the O'Hare Oasis in Schiller Park.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet

current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

Work Zone 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-294, 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 \$250 with up to a \$25,000 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.

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 nine 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 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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