



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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**TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)  
BETWEEN AURORA TOLL PLAZA AND ILLINOIS ROUTE 59**

*As part of pavement and bridge repair project, off-peak lane closures also will be scheduled as needed*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** — Traffic shifts in both directions are scheduled to begin this week on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between the Aurora Toll Plaza and Illinois Route 59 in Naperville as part of roadway maintenance and repair work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage are in place throughout construction to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway promotes safety of both drivers and workers as we plan and implement roadway improvements,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on our customers and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits.”

Between Aurora Toll Plaza and Illinois Route 59, traffic shifts are scheduled overnight Tuesday, April 7, into Wednesday, April 8, for eastbound traffic and overnight Thursday, April 9, into Friday, April 10, for westbound traffic.

Traffic in both directions will be shifted to the right to allow for a work zone on the inside lanes and shoulders. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration into June, and then additional traffic shifts will be schedule into the summer to move traffic to the left to provide a work zone for the outside lanes and shoulders.

While the work zones are in place, the Tollway will work to maintain three lanes of traffic for drivers. However, additional temporary lane closures will be scheduled as needed to complete repairs.

In 2020, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled maintenance and repair work on roadway, bridges and ramps between the Aurora Toll Plaza and Illinois Route 59, including mainline pavement and ramp patching, bridge painting, removal and replacement of the Illinois Prairie Path Bridge, ditch cleaning, signing, lighting, pavement markings and erosion control. This work is scheduled for completion in 2021. The I-88 roadway and bridge improvements will provide customers a smoother surface, improve the overall driving experience and extend the life of the roadway.

This work is part of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. Construction is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County, Kane County, City of Naperville, Naperville Township, City of Aurora, Aurora Township and The Illinois Prairie Path corporation, as well as local fire and police departments.

Maps and construction information about the I-88 Roadway, Bridge and Ramp Repair is available in the Projects section on the Tollway’s website at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com).

## **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) remain 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 on I-88 throughout the repair 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 and can include 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 eight 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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