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**LONG-TERM BRIDGE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK
OVER REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN DEKALB AND OGLE COUNTIES**

Extended closures needed through July for local crossroad bridge repairs

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin repair work in May on two local crossroad bridges carrying traffic over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) including the Watson Road Bridge in DeKalb County and the Woodlawn Road Bridge in Ogle County.

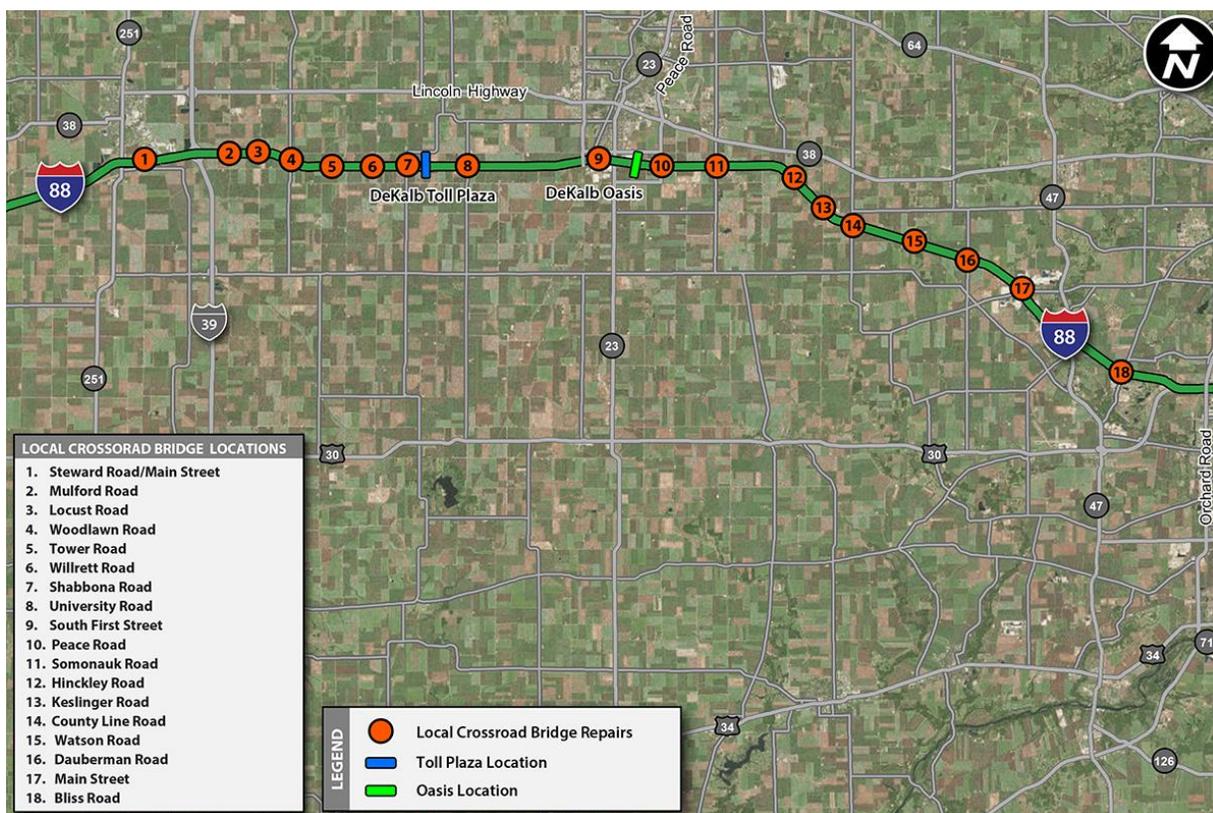
Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the start of construction and bridge closures.

Beginning the week of May 14, work is scheduled to begin and continue through July at the Watson Road and Woodlawn Road bridges. Both bridges will be closed to traffic and no detours will be posted. The full closure of both bridges is necessary because these local crossroad bridges over I-88 are too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely completing the work.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway is repairing 17 local crossroad bridges carrying traffic over I-88, between Illinois Route 251 near Rochelle and Illinois Route 56 near Sugar Grove. Bridge work and closures are being staggered so that adjacent bridges are not under construction at the same time and can be used as alternative routes.

In most locations, local crossroad bridge improvements will include pavement patching, bridge deck rehabilitation, bridge joint replacement and repairs on bridge beams, piers and girders.

Bridges scheduled for repairs include: Steward Road/Main Street (Rochelle), Mulford Road, Locust Road, Woodlawn Road, Tower Road, Willrett Road, Shabbona Road, University Road, South First Street, Peace Road, Somonauk Road, Hinckley Road, Keslinger Road, County Line Road, Watson Road, Dauberman Road, Main Street (Kane County) and Bliss Road.



All work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, City of DeKalb, DeKalb County, Kane County, Ogle County, Dement Township, Malta Township, DeKalb Township, City of Rochelle, Pierce Township, Kaneville Township, Village of Sugar Grove and Cortland Township, as well as local fire and police departments.

Maps and construction information about I-88 local crossroad bridge construction is available on the Tollway’s website at illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway Map and under “Projects Overview” in the Explore Projects section.

The local crossroad bridges are being repaired to extend the life of the structures and the repairs are being done in coordination with the of the resurfacing of I-88, between Illinois Route 251 in Rochelle and Illinois Route 56 in Sugar Grove. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) and Atkinson Road remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency’s overall commitment to roadway safety.

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.

In addition, 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 – Interactive Tollway Map for construction and live roadway images.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) – Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- Travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times.
- 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 five 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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