



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **RAMP CLOSURE, DETOUR BEGINS NEXT WEEK AT FARNSWORTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

*Ramp to eastbound I-88 to close for two weeks for toll plaza work*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The ramp connecting northbound Farnsworth Avenue to the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) is scheduled to close next week for two weeks for toll plaza work. A detour will be posted.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closure and detour. All work is weather dependent.

On Monday, November 2, at 7 a.m., the ramp carrying traffic from northbound Farnsworth Avenue to eastbound I-88 is scheduled to close. A detour will be posted directing traffic to continue north on Farnsworth Avenue, east on Butterfield Road, south on Eola Road and west on Deihl Road where customers will be able to access the ramp to eastbound I-88. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 15.



Closures and detour are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County and the City of Aurora, as well as local fire and police departments.

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and other area roadways 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.

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 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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