

# REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY



## Illinois Prairie Path Underpass Improvements

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway is replacing the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) bridge over the Illinois Prairie Path between Eola Road and Illinois Route 59 near Aurora and removing and replacing the pedestrian and bicycle underpass as part of roadway and bridge repair work on I-88.

To accommodate the improvements, a portion of the Prairie Path will be closed for several months in 2020. A detour will be posted.

All work is scheduled for completion in 2021.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Illinois Tollway will be removing and replacing the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) bridge over the Illinois Prairie Path in 2020 as part of a two-year roadway, bridge and ramp repair project on I-88.

The Tollway will replace the original structure built in 1957 for railroad traffic underneath I-88 with a new underpass to accommodate the Illinois Prairie Path crossing.

The new underpass was designed specifically with pedestrian and bicycle use in mind. The underpass will be a 295-foot long, 15-foot high concrete structure with a paved riding/walking surface for users. In addition, new LED lighting will be installed to illuminate the underpass.

### Customer Impacts

Construction and detour signage will be put in place in advance to alert Illinois Prairie Path users to scheduled path closures and detours.

As part of the reconstruction work, the path underneath will be closed to pedestrian and bicycle traffic for several months during the spring and summer of 2020. A detour will be posted, which will direct pedestrian and bicycle traffic to use an existing barrier-protected sidewalk along Eola Road to cross I-88.

### PURPOSE

When complete, the new I-88 bridge over the Illinois Prairie Path reduce ongoing maintenance needs and allow for minimal interruption to Illinois Prairie Path users for any future I-88 construction. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois*

*Tollway Driving the Future.*

The project is being coordinated with DuPage County, Kane County, Lee County, City of Naperville, Naperville Township, City of Aurora, Aurora Township, with Canadian National Rail Road and The Illinois Prairie Path corporation, as well as local fire and police departments.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

### 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) – 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.

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