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## **LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON ROOSEVELT ROAD AT THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN ELMHURST**

*Long-term closures planned for bridge repair and widening as part of roadway improvement project*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Work is scheduled to begin next week to repair and widen the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) bridges over Roosevelt Road in Elmhurst. Long-term lane closures are needed on Roosevelt Road to allow for a work zone for repairs on the bridge piers and abutments. Construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the closures.

Weather permitting, on Monday, April 16, at 9 a.m. a single lane closure in each direction is scheduled to begin on Roosevelt Road at I-88, with two lanes of traffic remaining open to traffic in each direction. Single lane closures on Roosevelt Road will be in place through the summer.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway will widen and repair the bridges carrying I-88 over Roosevelt Road. The existing bridges will be widened to accommodate rebuilding and widening of I-88 between York Road and the Tri-State Tollway. The work will include repairs to the existing bridge deck, beams and piers. Construction on the bridges is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2018.

Work to improve the east end of I-88 between York Road and I-290 is underway including the reconstruction and widening westbound I-88 to provide four lanes of new roadway scheduled for completion this year and reconstruction of the eastbound lanes scheduled for completion in 2019. In addition, to accommodate the roadway improvements, the York Road Bridge is being reconstructed and widened and the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and southbound I-294 to westbound I-88 will be reconfigured to match up with the newly widened pavement.

The I-88 Reconstruction Project will extend the life of the roadway, increase traffic capacity and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. More than 130,000 vehicles use this stretch of I-88 daily and more than 43,900 vehicles use Roosevelt Road daily.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Oak Brook, the City of Elmhurst, Village of Hillside, York Township and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments. The project is funded by the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program.

### **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.

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 York Road, a 30 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. On I-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in place.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. 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.

### **I-88 Reconstruction Project**

The I-88 Reconstruction Project will extend the life of the roadway, increase traffic capacity and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. In addition, to rebuilding and widening I-88, the two-year project also includes rebuilding and widening the York Road Bridge, repair and widening of the I-88 bridges over Roosevelt Road, improvements on the ramps connecting I-88 and I-294 and noisewall construction adjacent to residential areas.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Oak Brook, the City of Elmhurst, Village of Hillside, York Township and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments. The project is funded by the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* Program.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 292 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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