



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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**OVERNIGHT AND LONG-TERM RAMP CLOSURES CONTINUE IN MAY  
AS PART OF WORK TO RECONFIGURE THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE AT I-294**

*Ongoing temporary closures needed to safely accommodate  
ramp and bridge work and maintain access to traffic*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight and long-term ramp closures with detours as well as traffic shifts will continue throughout May for the Illinois Tollway’s ongoing work to reconstruct and reconfigure the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Delays are expected.

In addition, beginning the week of April 29, overnight lane closures are scheduled on eastbound I-88 between York Road and I-294 for bridge reconstruction.

Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp and lane closures, traffic shifts and detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available in the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alerts](#). All work is weather dependent.

Throughout May, multiple interchange ramps connecting I-294 to I-290, I-88 and Roosevelt Road are scheduled to close temporarily overnight as needed with posted detours for ongoing bridge reconstruction, pavement repair, sign installation and roadway lighting work.

Ramp closures and detours will include:

- For the ramps connecting northbound I-294 to westbound I-290, traffic will be routed to eastbound I-290 to Mannheim Road and then through the interchange to access westbound I-290.
- For the ramps connecting southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290, traffic will be routed to Cermak Road and through the interchange onto northbound I-294 to access eastbound I-290.
- For the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290, traffic will be routed to eastbound I-290 to Mannheim Road and then through the interchange to access westbound I-290.
- For the ramp connecting eastbound Roosevelt Road to eastbound I-290, traffic will be routed east to northbound Mannheim Road to access eastbound I-290.
- For the ramps connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294, traffic will be routed to Mannheim Road and then through the interchange to westbound I-290 to southbound I-294.
- For the ramps connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound Roosevelt Road, traffic will be routed to westbound Roosevelt Road to York Road and then through the interchange to access eastbound Roosevelt Road.
- For the ramps connecting northbound I-294 to westbound Roosevelt Road, traffic will be routed to eastbound I-290 to southbound Mannheim Road to westbound Roosevelt Road.

Ongoing long-term ramp closures with detours continuing in May include the following:

- Westbound I-290 to northbound I-294.
- Westbound Roosevelt Road to southbound I-294.

In addition, the ramps at the St. Charles Road Interchange on I-290 are scheduled to close as needed. No detours will be posted.

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SB I-294 to EB I-290  
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EB I-88 to NB I-294 and  
WB I-290  
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EB Roosevelt Rd to EB I-290  
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EB I-290 to SB I-294  
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NB I-294 to EB Roosevelt Rd  
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NB I-294 to WB Roosevelt Rd  
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Construction work in May will also require roadway lane closures. All lane closures will be scheduled during overnight hours with lanes and ramps reopening ahead of the morning rush hour.

On I-294, overnight lane closures in both directions will be scheduled at the interchange for pavement repair, concrete work, material deliveries and pavement striping.

On I-290, in both directions between St. Charles Road and Butterfield Road, overnight lane closures will be scheduled, including intermittent, 15-minute full closures, for bridge reconstruction work on northbound I-294 over I-290.

On Roosevelt Road, single lane closures in both directions including intermittent, 15-minute full closures, will be scheduled for bridge reconstruction work on the I-294 bridge over Roosevelt Road.

Overnight closures and detours of ramps at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 are scheduled to continue through the end of the year as needed, as well as closures on I-88 and on I-290.

Ramp and local road closures in this area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, Village of Hillside, City of Elmhurst, Village of Oak Brook, and Proviso Township, as well as local fire and police departments.

Information about ongoing long-term and overnight ramp closures and detours including maps and construction updates are available on the [I-290/I-88 Interchange Project \[illinoistollway.com\]](https://www.illinoistollway.com) page on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](https://www.illinoistollway.com) in the Projects section.

Work in 2024 at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 includes ongoing reconstruction of bridges over Roosevelt Road, I-88, Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290 and Electric Avenue, as well as noisewall construction and drainage, electrical and lighting improvements.

The reconfiguration and reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange is estimated at \$700-\$800 million and will reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues, as well as infrastructure conditions as part of the Illinois Tollway's \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project. Work started in 2020 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2026.

Information including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](https://www.illinoistollway.com) in the Projects section.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95<sup>th</sup> Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

### **Work Zone 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 I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 with 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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway 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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