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WORK NEARING COMPLETION ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN OAK BROOK

Eastbound traffic scheduled this weekend; westbound to follow later this month

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is nearing completion of the Regan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Reconstruction Project in between the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) and York Road in Oak Brook and will restore eastbound traffic to its permanent configuration this weekend. To prepare for the traffic shift, eastbound traffic is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane during the day on Sunday, November 10.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of work that will have an impact on traffic on I-88. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway promotes safety of both drivers and workers as we plan and implement roadway improvements,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on our customers and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits.”

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Sunday, November 10, eastbound traffic between York Road and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane. In addition, the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 will be reduced to a single lane. All lanes will reopen by 5 p.m. with all eastbound traffic shifted back onto the eastbound side of the road into its permanent configuration. Currently, two eastbound lanes are shifted onto the westbound side of the road.

Later this month, westbound traffic is scheduled to shift into its permanent configuration with all lanes reopened. Currently all westbound traffic shifted to the right and at least two lanes of traffic available to customers.

In addition, to complete the traffic shifts a single night of closures will be needed in mid-November on the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294. A detour will be posted.

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that I-88 remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency’s overall commitment to roadway safety. A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect until all work is complete on this 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 and repair and widening of the I-88 bridges over Roosevelt Road, which were completed in 2018, as well as 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 *Move Illinois* Program.

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Maps and construction information about the I-88 Roadway Reconstruction Project is available on the Tollway's website at Illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway map and in the Projects section.

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 seven 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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