



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY HOSTS OPEN HOUSE ON IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)**

Event scheduled July 20 at Elmhurst City Hall to gather public input

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway will host an open house meeting to gather public input on operational improvements at the I-290/I-88 Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from 4- 6 p.m., on Thursday, July 20, at the Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York Street.

“We continue to collaborate with local governments and stakeholders as we develop plans to address traffic congestion, access, flooding and freight concerns to support communities along the Central Tri-State Tollway and the region,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. “Gathering ideas and input from customers, residents and business owners is also an important part of this process.”

The Tollway is working to identify solutions to enhance travel reliability at existing interchanges as part of the Central Tri-State master planning process. This includes improvements to the interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290), to reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues as well as infrastructure conditions.

The public open house meeting will offer the opportunity to view informational displays and an audio-visual presentation providing an overview of the project purpose and need. In addition, Tollway personnel will be present to receive input, provide information and answer questions.

In April 2017, the Tollway Board of Directors directed staff to expand the *Move Illinois* capital program and advance a proposed \$4 billion recommended concept to improve the Central Tri-State Tollway. A detailed planning and design process is currently underway to complete a master plan to guide the rebuilding of the Central Tri-State. This process includes outreach efforts with customers, communities, businesses and partners to identify regional improvements and to continue to refine the details of the master plan.

Funding for planning and design scheduled, for 2017-2020, and construction is being provided as part of the Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program: *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. Information is available in the Outreach section on the Tollway’s website at illinoistollway.com.

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 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,

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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 interstate tollways 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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