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TOLLWAY TO REOPEN RAMPS AT ST CHARLES ROAD INTERCHANGE ON I-290

St. Charles Road Bridge and ramp reconstruction is part of reconfiguration work at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is nearing completion of the reconstruction of the St. Charles Road Interchange on I-290, as part of the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 Project and will begin work tonight, June 14, to prepare for the reopening of the two ramps connecting westbound St. Charles Road to westbound I-290 by the end of this week.

Work on the St. Charles Road Interchange Project began in 2021 and has included removing and replacing the St. Charles Road Bridge over I-294 and repairing and replacing the bridge deck on the bridge over I-290. In addition, the four interchange ramps on the east side of I-290 were reconstructed and a portion of westbound I-290 was widened. All work remaining at the St. Charles Road Interchange on I-290 is scheduled for completion by the end of July.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the upcoming closures. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Work to prepare for the ramp reopening at the St. Charles Road Interchange is scheduled to begin tonight, June 14, with ramps and lane closures. On St. Charles Road traffic is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane overnight tonight for barrier wall work. Flaggers will be used to maintain bi-directional traffic. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 6 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

On I-290, one eastbound lane between Electric Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. tonight, June 14, for barrier wall work and one westbound lane is scheduled to close at 11 p.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

In addition, beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, the ramps connecting eastbound I-290 to eastbound St. Charles Road, westbound St. Charles Road to eastbound I-290, westbound I-290 to westbound St. Charles Road and westbound St. Charles to westbound I-290 are scheduled to close for barrier wall and roadway lighting work. No detours will be posted. The ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

On Wednesday, June 15, work to shift traffic at the St. Charles Road Interchange is scheduled to continue. On I-290, single lane closures in both directions are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. along with closure of ramps connecting westbound I-290 to westbound St. Charles Road, westbound St. Charles Road to eastbound I-290 and eastbound I-290 to eastbound St. Charles Road. No detours will be posted. The ramps connecting westbound I-290 to westbound St. Charles Road are scheduled to reopen by 10 p.m. All other lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Thursday, June 16.

During the day on Thursday, June 16, traffic on the St. Charles Road Bridges over I-294 and I-290 is scheduled to shift to the right and remain reduced to a single lane in each direction.

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Beginning at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, work to shift traffic on eastbound I-290 is scheduled to begin with traffic reduced to a single lane. In addition, the two ramps connecting eastbound I-290 to St. Charles Road are scheduled to close. No detours will be posted. All lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Friday, June 17, with traffic on eastbound I-290 shifted to the right.

On Sunday, June 19, work to reopen the two ramps connecting westbound St. Charles Road to westbound I-290 is scheduled to begin, as well as work to shift traffic on westbound I-290. At 8 p.m. westbound I-290 is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane and the ramps connecting westbound I-290 to westbound St. Charles are scheduled to close. No detours will be posted.

In addition, at 11 p.m. ramp closures are scheduled to be on the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and the eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to westbound I-290. Detours will be posted directing I-294 and I-88 traffic eastbound on I-290 to Mannheim Road and then routing traffic through the interchange to access westbound I-290. All lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, June 20, with traffic on westbound I-290 shifted to the right.



If work cannot be completed during this time, additional closures will be scheduled during the week of June 20.

Following the reopening of the ramps, work to complete the St. Charles Road Interchange Project will include work on I-290 with center pier work, median construction, striping and roadway lighting. Additional off-peak closures may be needed to complete the remaining work.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, City of Elmhurst and City of Northlake, as well as local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Tollway's Central Tri-State Tollway Project includes the reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 to reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues as well as infrastructure conditions.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th 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 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

Information including maps, construction updates and a Virtual Open House is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

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. On St. Charles Road, a 30 mph work zone speed limit is in effect.

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 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 10 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 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.