



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **NEW WESTBOUND ENTRANCE RAMP SCHEDULED TO OPEN AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 47 INTERCHANGE ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN SUGAR GROVE NEXT WEEK**

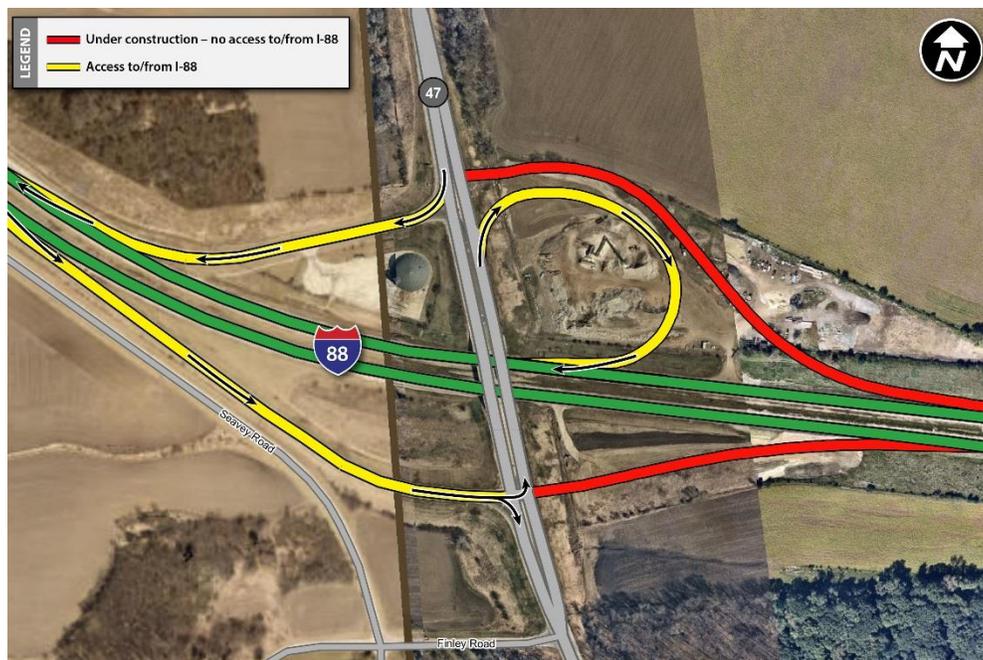
*Traffic shift on Illinois Route 47 also scheduled as work continues to complete new full-access interchange by end of 2019*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Beginning next week, a new traffic configuration will be put in place for northbound Illinois Route 47 traffic traveling to the westbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) as construction advances to complete a new full-access interchange in Sugar Grove.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the new traffic pattern.

“The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the roadway remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of our overall commitment to roadway safety,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We ask drivers to be attentive in work zones by watching for changing traffic patterns and using caution, especially when workers are present.”

During the week of August 5, all traffic on Illinois Route 47 is scheduled to shift to the northbound side of the road, with a single lane open in both directions. Once the traffic shift is complete, northbound Illinois Route 47 traveling to westbound I-88 will be directed to a new ramp on the right, improving safety by eliminating the need for a left turn in front of oncoming southbound Illinois Route 47 traffic. The existing ramp carrying traffic to westbound I-88 will remain open for use by southbound Illinois Route 47 traffic only.



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Once traffic is in the new configuration, construction on the Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project will continue. Additional ramps providing new Tollway access to and from the east are scheduled to open later this year.

The Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Kane County, Blackberry Township, the Village of Sugar Grove, as well as local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project will build three new ramps to accommodate travel to and from the east and improve access to westbound I-88 and also reconstruct the two existing ramps carrying traffic to and from westbound I-88. The project also includes rehabilitation of the existing Illinois Route 47 Bridge carrying traffic over I-88, including a bridge surface overlay, removal of the existing median and reconfiguration of the traffic pattern to improve travel. Additional work also includes roadway lighting and drainage improvements.

The project is funded in part by Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. Consistent with the Tollway's Interchange and Roadway Cost-Sharing Policy requiring local communities to cover the remaining cost of interchange improvements, the local share will be split between the Village of Sugar Grove, Illinois Department of Transportation, and Kane County.

To cover the Tollway's share of the project and ongoing maintenance costs, the Illinois Route 47 Interchange will be an all-electronic interchange with cashless toll plazas for vehicles with I-PASS located on the ramps carrying traffic to and from the east. Cars with I-PASS will pay 55 cents. Trucks tolls will range from \$1.95 to \$5.00 during daytime hours, with overnight discounts offered. Those without I-PASS can pay their tolls online at the cash rate within the seven-day grace period. Grace period toll payments are double the I-PASS rates.

Maps, construction and detour information about the Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project is available on the Tollway's website at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com) via the Interactive Tollway Map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

### **Work Zone Safety**

A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect on I-88 and on Illinois Route 47 throughout the reconstruction project.

Work 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.

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. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 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.

Visit the Tollway's Roadway Safety page at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com).

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com) – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](#) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **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* 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) and planning for emerging projects.

### **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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