



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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**WEEKEND CLOSURE SCHEDULED ON RAMP FROM EASTBOUND I-290
TO SOUTHBOUND TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) FOR BRIDGE WORK**
Overnight ramp closure and detour needed for ramp bridge repair work over railroad

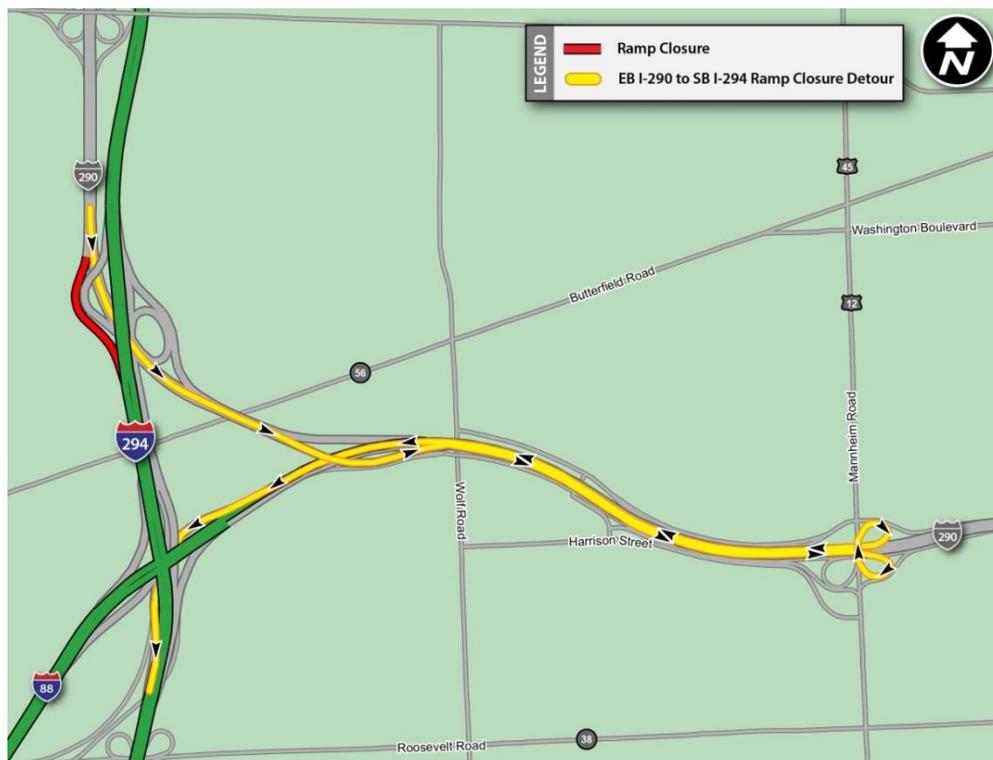
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight closure of the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is scheduled this weekend for repairs on the ramp bridge over the Canadian National Railroad. A detour will be posted.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closure and detour.

Weather permitting, the ramp is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, for repairs to the ramp bridge over the railroad. A detour will be posted directing traffic to exit at the Mannheim Road Interchange. Traffic will be routed through the interchange and onto westbound I-290 before being directed to exit to southbound I-294. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 14.

Repair work is also scheduled at this location overnight on Friday, October 12, but will not impact ramp traffic or require closures.

Bridge repairs include pavement patching, bridge joint and drainage repairs.



Repair work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County, DuPage County, local communities, as well as local fire and police departments.

Information about the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) local crossroad bridge repairs is available on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway Map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and local roads remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway 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.

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 \$375. 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.

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 six 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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