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ONGOING OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON I-290 AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE PROJECT AT I-294

Four weeks of nightly lane and ramp closures, including full stops, to accommodate bridge beam work

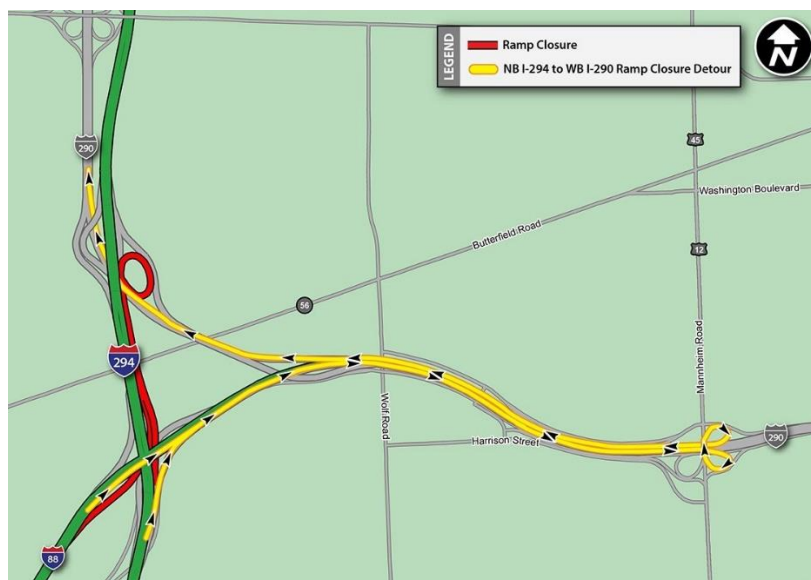
DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Intermittent, overnight ramp closures with detours and lane closures are scheduled to begin this weekend and will continue through February on I-290, to accommodate bridge beam placement as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Electronic message and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers on I-290 and I-294 to the construction work zones, closures and detours. The closures will be scheduled during overnight hours to reduce the impact on traffic and to provide a safe work zone for construction. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alerts \[illinoistollway.com\]](https://illinoistollway.com). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning on Sunday, January 22, on I-290 between St. Charles Road and I-294 one eastbound lane is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. and westbound traffic between St. Charles Road and Wolf Road is schedule to be reduced to a single lane at 11:30 p.m., followed by intermittent closures, each lasting 15-minute, beginning at 1 a.m.

In addition, full closures and detours of the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 are scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. During the closures, a detour will be posted routing traffic onto eastbound I-290 to Mannheim Road and then through the interchange to access westbound I-290.

All lanes on I-290 and the ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, January 23.



Overnight closures and detours on I-290 and the ramps at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 are scheduled to continue through February.

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Beginning Monday, January 23, six nights of overnight closures will be scheduled for work on westbound I-290. On eastbound I-290 between St. Charles Road and I-294 a single lane closure will be put in place nightly at 8 p.m. On westbound I-290 between St. Charles Road and Wolf Road traffic will be reduced to a single lane nightly beginning at 11:30 p.m. with intermittent, full closures scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. In addition, nightly intermittent full closures and detours of the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 will be scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. All lanes and ramps will be scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning.

Following completion of work on westbound I-290, nightly lane closures are scheduled to continue into February for work on eastbound I-290, including intermittent full closure and detour of the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294. During the closures, a detour will be posted routing traffic onto eastbound I-290 to Mannheim Road and through the interchange to access westbound I-290 to southbound I-294.

Information including maps, construction updates are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com [illinoistollway.com].

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

Work in 2023 at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 includes ongoing reconstruction of bridges over Roosevelt Road, I-88, Butterfield Road, the Canadian National Railroad, I-290 and Electric Avenue and work to build a temporary ramp from southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 and westbound I-88.

The reconfiguration and reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange is estimated at \$700-\$800 million and will reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues, as well as infrastructure conditions as part of the Illinois Tollway's \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project. Work started in 2020 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2026.

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.

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 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 years of *Move Illinois* are 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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