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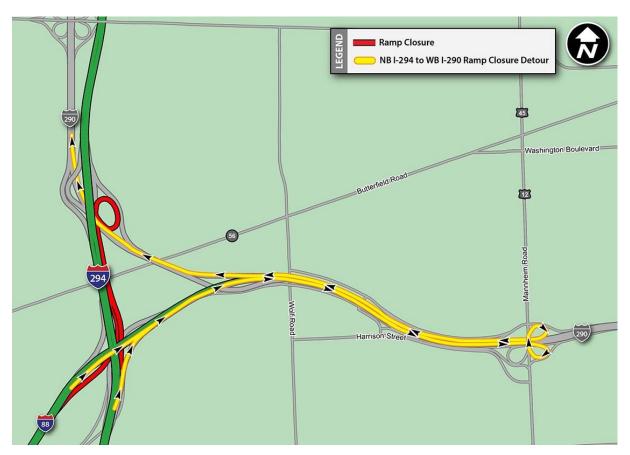
OVERNIGHT RAMP DETOUR SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND AT I-290 ON NORTHBOUND TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) AND EASTBOUND REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)

Ramp closures needed for guardrail repairs

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Closures of the ramps connecting the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to westbound I-290 are scheduled this weekend to accommodate guardrail repair work. A detour will be posted.

Electronic message and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers on I-294 and I-88 to the construction work zones, ramp closures and detours. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's <u>Daily Construction Alert</u>. All work is weather dependent.

On Saturday, October 30, at 11 p.m. the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 are scheduled to close to traffic with a posted detour. The detour will direct I-294 traffic and I-88 traffic eastbound on I-290 to Mannheim Road and then route traffic through the interchange to access westbound I- 290. The ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. Sunday, October 31.



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

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

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 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first nine 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.