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RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE IN DECEMBER AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE PROJECT AT I-294

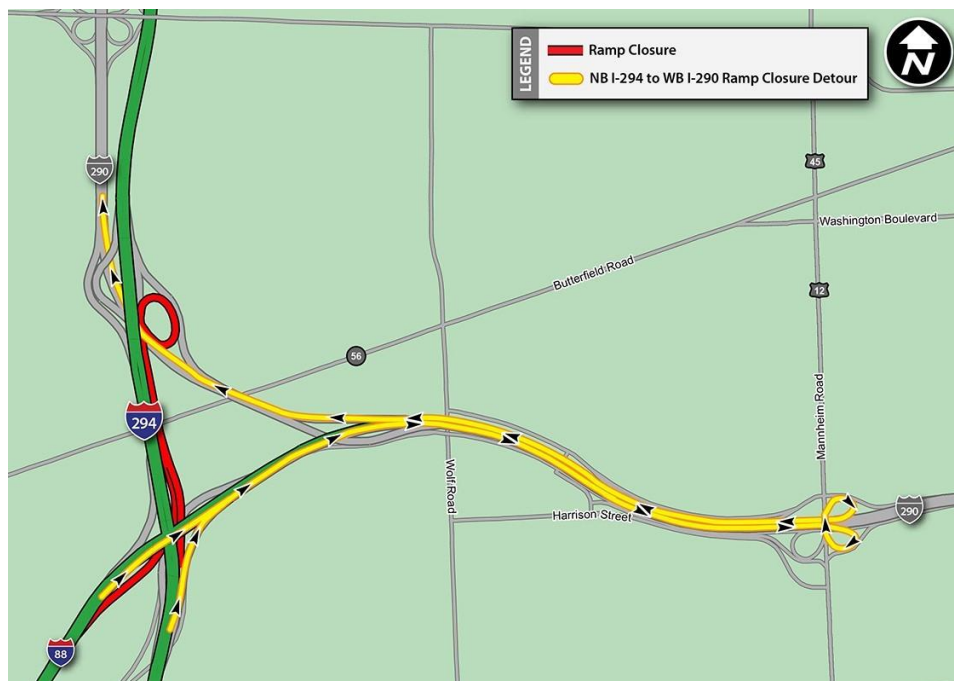
*Ongoing temporary closures needed to safely accommodate
ramp and bridge work and maintain access for traffic*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A long-term lane closure is scheduled to begin tonight, November 28, on the ramps carrying the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to westbound I-290 as part of the Illinois Tollway’s ongoing work to reconstruct the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294.

Additional overnight ramp closures will be put in place as needed on the ramps connecting I-294, I-290 and I-88 throughout December as part of this work. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures, detours and traffic shifts. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, November 28, the right lane on the ramps from northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 will close and will remain in place until the end of the year for noisewall work.

In addition, overnight full closures of these ramps with posted detours will be needed in December for pavement striping, bridge and ramp work. During the ramp closures the posted 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.



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Throughout December, additional temporary closures will be scheduled as needed at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294, including overnight closures and detours of the ramps connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294. During the closures, a detour will be posted routing traffic to Mannheim Road and through the interchange onto westbound I-290 to access southbound I-294.

Overnight closures and detours of ramps at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 are scheduled to continue into 2023 as needed. Information including maps, construction updates are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.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 2022 at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 includes ongoing construction of mainline bridges and work to build a temporary ramp from southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 and westbound I-88. Additional work this year includes completion of improvements on the St. Charles Road Bridges over I-294 and I-290 as well as rebuilding four ramps that connect St. Charles Road to I-290, in Berkley and Elmhurst.

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 10 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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