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

*On-going temporary closures needed to safely accommodate
ramp and bridge work and maintain access for traffic*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane and ramp closures with detours are scheduled to continue in June for the Illinois Tollway’s ongoing work to reconstruct the I-290/I-88 Interchange at the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight lane closures, traffic shifts and ramp detours. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Work continues to remove and reconstruct the northbound I-294 bridge over I-88 with overnight closures and detours of the ramps at the I-290/I-88 Interchange continuing through June including the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290. To complete this work, overnight single lane closures on I-88 at the I-294/I-290 Interchange will be needed for bridge removal.

During the week of June 12, overnight lane closures are scheduled on the ramp carrying westbound I-290 traffic to southbound I-294 and westbound I-290 traffic to westbound Roosevelt Road. Intermittent closures, each lasting 15-minutes, will be scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. with the lanes scheduled to open to traffic by 5 a.m.

Additionally, multiple nights of closures will be put in place as needed on the ramps connecting I-294 and I-290, including the closure and detour of the ramp connecting eastbound Roosevelt Road to eastbound I-290 as work begins to remove and reconstruct the northbound I-294 bridge over the ramp.

Additional closures will be scheduled as needed for bridge work at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294, including lane closures on I-290, as well as the overnight closures and detours of the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 and the ramp connecting eastbound Roosevelt Road to eastbound I-290. During the closures, the ramp detours will be as follows:



For the northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 ramp closure: Traffic will be detoured to Mannheim Road and through the interchange to westbound I-290 to the Lake Street exit and through the interchange onto northbound I-294.



For the eastbound Roosevelt Road to eastbound I-290 closure: Traffic will be routed to northbound Mannheim Road onto eastbound I-290.

Later in the month, several nights of overnight lane closures are scheduled on westbound I-88 at I-294, including 15-minute intermittent full roadway closures.

All closures are scheduled during overnight hours with lanes and ramps reopening ahead of the morning rush hour.

Overnight closures and detours of ramps at the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294 are scheduled to continue through the end of the year as needed, as well as closures on I-88. Information including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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 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.