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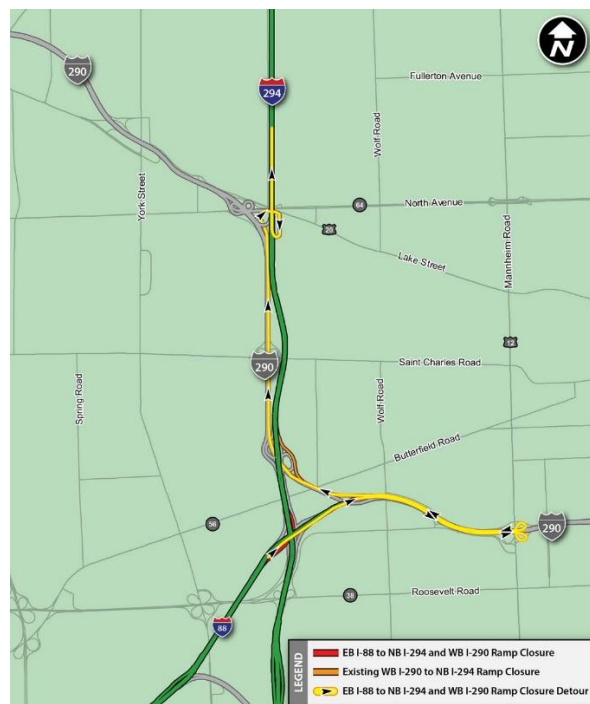
**OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE IN JULY  
AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE PROJECT AT I-294**  
*On-going temporary closures needed to safely accommodate  
ramp and bridge work and maintain access for traffic*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight lane and ramp closures with detours are scheduled to continue in July 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 ongoing in July 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.

Beginning the week of July 3, overnight closures and detours of the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290 will be scheduled, as needed. During the closures, 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.



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In addition, throughout July, additional ramp closures and detours will be scheduled as needed at the I-290/I-88 at I-294 Interchange including:

- The ramps that connect westbound I-290 to westbound I-88 and to southbound I-294 and Roosevelt Road. During the closure, traffic wishing to access all three roadways will be detoured along westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road and through the interchange back onto eastbound I-290 where they will be able to choose southbound I-294 or westbound I-88. Traffic wishing to reach Roosevelt Road will be directed to southbound I-294 and then will be able to exit at Roosevelt Road.
- The ramp connecting eastbound Roosevelt Road to eastbound I-290. During the closures, traffic will be detoured to northbound Mannheim Road onto eastbound I-290.
- The ramp connecting southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290. During the closures, traffic will be detoured to westbound I-290 in advance of the exit for I-290 eastbound and then directed to exit at York Road, routed through the interchange and onto eastbound I-290.



WB I-290 to SB I-294 and WB I-88  
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EB Roosevelt Rd to EB I-290  
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SB I-294 to EB I-290  
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Work in July will also require overnight lane closures on I-290 in both directions for bridge reconstruction work on northbound I-294 over I-290, including intermittent full closures, each lasting 15-minutes.

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

In addition, later in July, a long-term single lane closure is scheduled to be put into place on the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290 ramp as work continues to reconstruct northbound I-294 bridges over I-88. The lane closure is scheduled to remain in place until the fall.

Local road closures in this area are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, Village of Hillside, City of Elmhurst, Village of Oak Brook as well as local fire and police departments.

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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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