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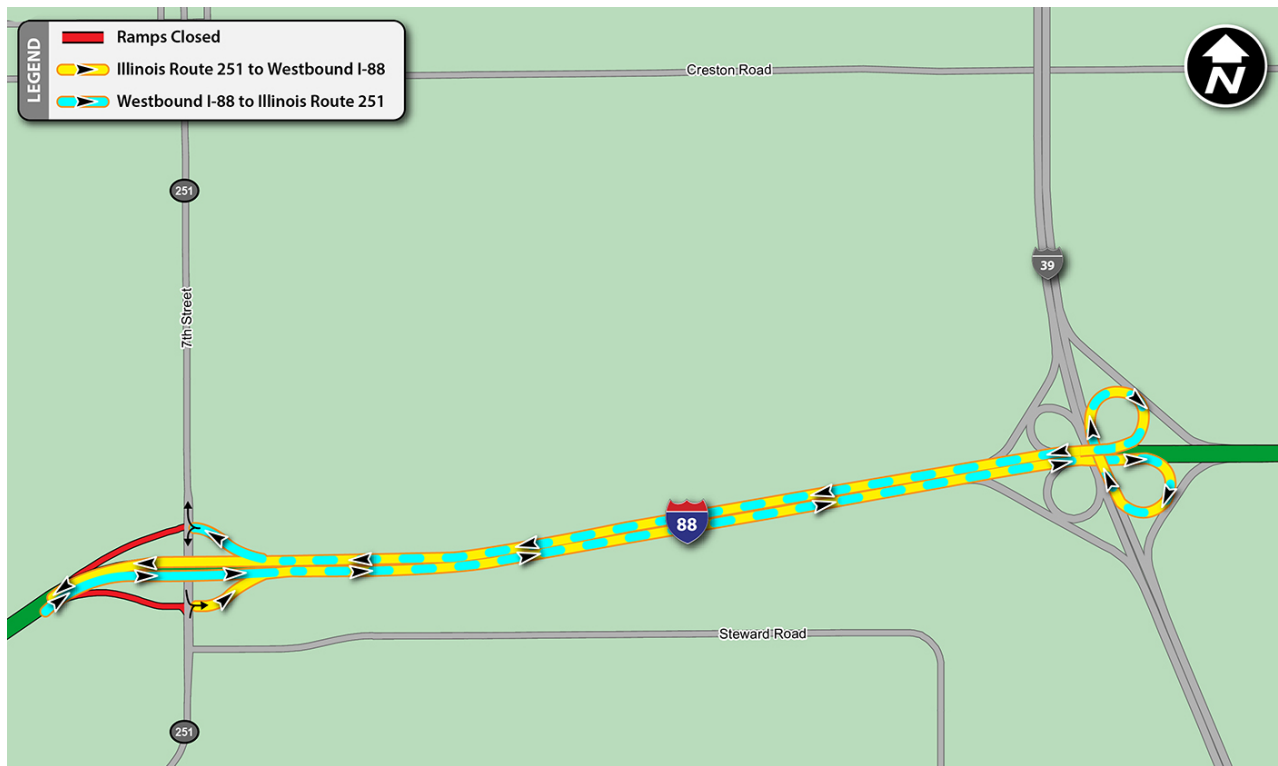
**RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 251 INTERCHANGE
NEAR ROCHELLE ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

*Off-peak full closures with detour needed for ramp pavement work
as part of the I-88 Roadway Resurfacing Project*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Daytime ramp closures are scheduled next week at the Illinois Route 251 Interchange on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) near Rochelle to complete ramp paving work. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the closure and detour.

Weather permitting, on Monday, April 18, the ramps from Illinois Route 251 to westbound I-88 and from eastbound I-88 to Illinois Route 251 are scheduled close from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traffic will be detoured via the I-39 Interchange to the east. A similar closure and detour is also schedule for Tuesday, April 19.

The full closure of these ramps is needed to complete pavement repairs at Illinois Route 251 and the ramps.



Construction is being coordinated with Lee County and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments. Up to 450 vehicles per day use the ramp carrying traffic from Illinois Route 251 to westbound I-88. Up to 390 vehicles per day use the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-88 to Illinois Route 251.

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In 2016, the Illinois Tollway is scheduled to resurface 11 miles between U.S. Route 52 and U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls and complete resurfacing work begun in 2015 on 21 miles of I-88 between Illinois Route 251 near Rochelle and U.S. Route 52 near Dixon, including repairs to the Illinois Route 251 Interchange, to provide a smoother riding surface for the traveling public. Work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Construction information about the I-88 Roadway Resurfacing Project is available in the “Projects by Roadway” section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

A 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect on I-88 through the construction zone. Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should slow down in construction zones, whether or not workers are present, watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- www.illinoistollway.com– Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- www.travelmidwest.com– Real-time travel times
- www.twitter.com– Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O’Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for emerging projects.

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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