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**TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK
ON WESTERN REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

Lane closures needed for bridge beam removal in Rock Falls, Dixon

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight lane closures on the western segment of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) near Dixon and Rock Falls are scheduled to begin this week to remove bridge beams as part of the I-88 Roadway Resurfacing Project and improvements to local crossroad bridges.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures. All work is weather dependent.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway is resurfacing an 11-mile western segment of I-88 between U.S. Route 52 near Dixon and U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls to extend the life of the roadway and has scheduled repairs on six local crossroad bridges carrying traffic over I-88. In addition, the project includes maintenance and repairs to the I-88 bridges over U.S. Route 52 and Illinois Route 26, as well as several locations over streams, creeks and railroads.

On Wednesday, May 11, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., intermittent full closures, each lasting no longer than 15 minutes, will be scheduled on eastbound I-88 between Howland Creek and Nelson Road in Rock Falls for bridge beam removal. The Tollway in this area is currently reduced to a single lane in both directions for roadway resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction.

On Friday, May 13, intermittent, full closures will be scheduled in both directions on I-88 at the Dixon Interchange at Illinois Route 26 for bridge beam placement. Full roadway closures, each lasting no longer than 15 minutes, will be scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on westbound I-88 and from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on eastbound I-88. The closures are part of ongoing work on the ramp bridge carrying eastbound I-88 traffic to Illinois Route 26. The ramp is currently closed through fall for repairs and a detour is posted.

In addition, one night of intermittent, full closures on I-88 also will be scheduled in May in each direction at Illinois Route 26 in Dixon and in the eastbound lanes at Howland Creek in Rock Falls. Additional closures will continue to be scheduled on the western segment of I-88 throughout the summer for bridge beam removal and replacement.

All work is being coordinated with Whiteside and Lee Counties and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local municipalities, townships, school districts and police and fire departments.

Maps and construction project information about the I-88 local crossroad bridge and roadway resurfacing projects 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

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that I-88 and other area roadways remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway 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-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect.

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 a 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 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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