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**NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK ON YORK ROAD**

**AS WORK CONTINUES ON BRIDGE OVER REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

*York Road Bridge over I-88 remains open during reconstruction*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** A traffic shift is scheduled on the York Road Bridge over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) next week to move all traffic onto the new northbound side of the bridge to accommodate reconstruction of the southbound side. The work is part of the I-88 Reconstruction Project in Oak Brook.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. The new traffic pattern is necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate traffic during bridge reconstruction.

Weather permitting, after the morning commute on Monday, July 9, York Road traffic in both directions will be shifted onto the new portion of the bridge providing for one lane of traffic in both directions on York Road over I-88 during this stage of construction. **Traffic is expected to remain in this configuration through summer.**

On I-88, between I-290 and York Road, all eastbound traffic is currently shifted to the right and all westbound traffic is shifted to the left, with one lane of traffic traveling on the eastbound side of I-88.

**Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and York Road 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 York Road, a 30 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. On I-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit will be in place.

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.

**I-88 Reconstruction Project**

The I-88 Reconstruction Project will extend the life of the roadway, increase traffic capacity and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. In addition, to rebuilding and widening I-88, the two-year project also includes rebuilding and widening the York Road Bridge, repair and widening of the I-88 bridges over Roosevelt Road, improvements on the ramps connecting I-88 and I-294 and noisewall construction adjacent to residential areas.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Oak Brook, the City of Elmhurst, Village of Hillside, York Township and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments. The project is funded by the Tollway’s 15-year, $14 billion *Move Illinois* Program.

**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 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first six years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning 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 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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