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LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES, TRAFFIC SHIFTS SCHEDULED ON REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD IN DEKALB

Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on I-88 through late fall

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Long-term lane closures and traffic shifts will begin this week and continue through late fall for repair work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane closures and traffic shifts scheduled throughout the work. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of April 28, all traffic on I-88 between Illinois Route 23 and the DeKalb Oasis is scheduled to be shifted onto the eastbound side of the road and reduced to a single lane in each direction. Traffic on I-88 is scheduled to remain in this configuration into the summer as repair work is underway in a work zone on the westbound side of I-88.

Once repair work is completed on the westbound side of the bridge, all traffic will be shifted onto the westbound side of I-88 and remain reduced to a single lane in each direction. Traffic on I-88 is scheduled to remain in this configuration through late fall as repair work is underway in a work zone on the eastbound side of I-88.

The traffic shift and lane reductions will allow the Tollway to safely accommodate traffic and provide a work zone for the repairs to the I-88 bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad. Work will include bridge deck, parapet, abutment and approach slab repairs, as well as bridge joint work and pavement and shoulder repairs.

Lane closures are being coordinated with the Union Pacific Railroad, as well as local fire and police departments.

In 2025, the Illinois Tollway work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) will include repairs to the mainline bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad in DeKalb and corridor-wide pavement repairs, as well as the completion of the York Road Bridge reconstruction over the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88 in Oak Brook. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

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-88, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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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.

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 include 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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 13 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).

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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