



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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**OVERNIGHT CLOSURES INCLUDING EXTENDED RAMP DETOUR SCHEDULED TO BEGIN  
ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE  
PROJECT AT I-294**

*Temporary closures needed to safely accommodate ramp work, traffic shift*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Overnight lane closures and ramp detours are scheduled to begin next week on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) near the Village of Hillside for traffic shifts and ramp work as part of the I-290/I-88 Interchange Project at I-294.

Several nights of closures will be needed on northbound I-294 between Cermak Road and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and on ramps connecting I-294, I-290, I-88 and Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38), including a two-week closure and detour of the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290.

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

Beginning Wednesday, June 15, two nights of overnight lane closures will be scheduled on northbound I-294 between Cermak Road and I-88, with a single lane closing at 7 p.m. and a second lane closing at 9 p.m. In addition, the ramp connecting Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38) to eastbound I-88 is also scheduled to close at 9 p.m. and the ramp connecting northbound I-294 to eastbound I-290 at 11 p.m. All lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Thursday, June 16.

A second night of similar northbound I-294 closures will be needed beginning at 7 p.m., including the closure and detour of the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 at 11 p.m. In addition, one lane on the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 is scheduled to close at 11 p.m.

The northbound lanes on I-294 and the ramp from northbound I-294 to westbound I-290 are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning.

Closure of the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290 and the single lane closure on the ramp connecting eastbound I-88 to northbound I-294 are scheduled to remain in place the end of June.

Ramp detours will be as follows:

- Northbound I-294 to eastbound I-290: Traffic will be routed onto westbound I-290 to St. Charles Road and then through the interchange to access eastbound I-290.
- Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38) to eastbound I-88: No detour will be posted.
- Northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290: Traffic for both I-294 and I-88 will be routed eastbound on I-290 to Mannheim Road and then through the interchange to access westbound I-290.

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[View NB I-294 to WB I-290 Detour Map](#)



[View EB I-88 to WB I-290 Detour Map](#)

Additional lane closures will be scheduled later in June and in July on I-290, as well as the overnight closure and detour of the ramps connecting northbound I-294 and eastbound I-88 to westbound I-290, the ramp connecting eastbound I-290 to southbound I-294 and the ramp connecting southbound I-294 to eastbound I-290. 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.

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

Information including maps, construction updates are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.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-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.

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 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 10 years of *Move Illinois* is 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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