



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 53, REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) IN LISLE

Daily lane closures needed through October for bridge and retaining wall repairs

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and daytime closures on Illinois Route 53 in Lisle are scheduled to begin next week for bridge and retaining wall repair work. In addition, a weekend closure of the ramp connecting westbound I-88 to Illinois Route 53 will be needed in September, as well as traffic shifts on all the ramps at the interchange.

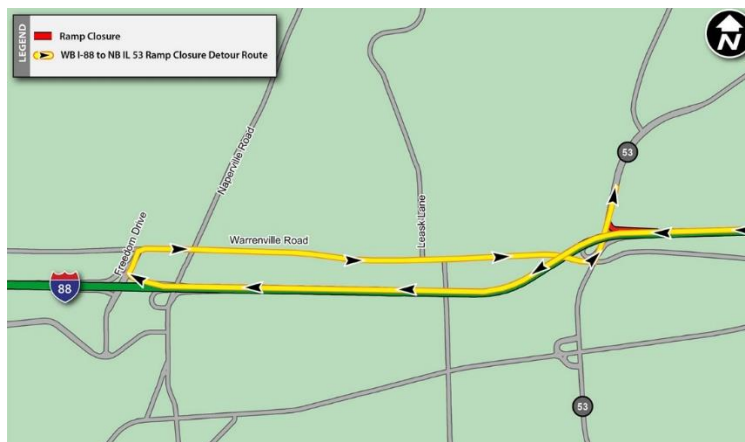
Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures and ramp detour. Up-to-date closure information will be available in the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alerts](#). All work is weather dependent.

Repair work will include bridge and retaining wall repairs, as well as bridge staining and painting.

Beginning September 9, the repair work adjacent Illinois Route 53 is scheduled to begin and traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction daily between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. These closures are scheduled to continue through October, as needed.

During the week of September 16, repair work is scheduled to begin on the I-88 bridge over Illinois Route 53. Overnight, up to three lanes in each direction on I-88 are scheduled to close, with the first lanes closing at 6 p.m. and continuing until 5 a.m. on eastbound I-88 and until 6 a.m. on westbound I-88 the following morning. Similar nightly closures will be scheduled as needed through October and hours will vary. Please check the Daily Construction Alerts for exact times.

In addition, later in September, full closure of the ramp connecting westbound I-88 to Illinois Route 53 will be scheduled to accommodate repair work. A detour will be posted routing I-88 traffic to the Naperville Road Interchange using Freedom Drive and Warrenville Road to access Illinois Route 53.



In 2024, the Illinois Tollway work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) will include pavement repairs between U.S. Route 30 and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), crossroad bridge repairs at Tower Road and Peace Road, mainline bridge repairs at Illinois Route 53 and ramp repair work at the DeKalb Oasis.

All work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, DeKalb County, Kane County, Lee County, Ogle County, Whiteside County, the City of DeKalb, Village of Lisle and the Morton Arboretum, as well as local government and highway departments and local fire and police departments.

The local crossroad bridges are being repaired to extend the life of the structures. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Information including maps and construction updates is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

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 construction.

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 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 12 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.