

### **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS**

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# WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FOR YORK ROAD BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION OVER REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) RAMPS IN OAK BROOK

York Road reduced to one lane in each direction through fall for median and pavement work

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin work this week to prepare for the reconstruction of the York Road Bridge over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) ramps in coordination with the Village of Oak Brook.

Construction and electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane closures. Up-to-date closure information will be available in the Illinois Tollway's <a href="Daily Construction">Daily Construction</a> Alerts. All work is weather dependent.

During the week of October 7, overnight lane closures are scheduled on the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88. Closures are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. and be complete by 5 a.m. the following morning.

During the week of October 14, daily lane closures on York Road are scheduled between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for pavement repair work.

Later this fall, once the pavement repair work is complete, traffic on York Road is scheduled to be reduced to a single lane in each direction for work to remove the center median, construct temporary pavement and repair existing pavement. Lane closures will also be needed on the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88.

The Illinois Tollway is reconstructing the York Road Bridge over the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88. The project will include bridge reconstruction, roadway pavement widening and resurfacing, as well as drainage repairs. A detour of the multi-use path on the west side of York Road will be needed to accommodate construction. Work is scheduled to continue through 2025.

Reconstruction of the York Road Bridge is being done in coordination with the Village of Oak Brook. Work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments.

The York Road Bridge is being reconstructed to extend the life of the structure. The work is funded through an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Oak Brook and the Illinois Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

#### 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 York Road, a 35 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.