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**LOCAL CROSSROAD BRIDGE, RAMP CLOSURES IN DIXON SCHEDULED
ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88)**

2016 construction includes repairs to extend the life of bridges in Whiteside, Lee and Ogle Counties

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Pump Factory Road Bridge carrying traffic over the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in Dixon is scheduled to close next week for approximately two weeks. In addition, the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-88 to Illinois Route 26 in Dixon is scheduled to close in April through the fall.

On Monday, March 28, the Pump Factory Road Bridge is scheduled to close at 7 a.m. through early April for bridge repairs. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to the start of bridge construction. No detours will be posted. Up to 450 vehicles use the bridge on a daily basis.

In addition, on Monday, April 4, the ramp bridge carrying eastbound I-88 traffic over I-88 to Illinois Route 26 is scheduled to close at 7 a.m. through fall for repairs. A posted detour will be put in place directing traffic to exit at U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls located 11 miles west of the interchange and follow the detour route east to Illinois Route 26. Up to 1,300 vehicles use the ramp on a daily basis.

The Illinois Tollway is repairing six local crossroad bridges on the western segment of I-88 in 2016. Other local crossroad bridges include Hoyle, Atkinson, Bollman and Nelson Road Bridges. Work is also scheduled to be complete this spring on the Reynolds Road Bridge in Franklin Grove. Repairs on the local crossroad bridge structures include pavement patching, bridge joint replacement and repairs on beams and girders.

Construction and bridge closures are being staggered so that adjacent bridges are not under construction at the same time. Most of the bridge closures will be scheduled for approximately one month or less, except for the Illinois Route 26 ramp bridge, which will require longer closures.

Full closure of the local crossroad bridges is necessary because the bridge structures are not wide enough to maintain traffic and provide a work zone. In addition to providing a safe work zone for construction workers and drivers, closure of the bridges will allow work to be complete in half the time.

All work is being coordinated with Whiteside, Lee and Ogle Counties and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local municipalities, townships, school districts and police and fire departments.

Maps and construction project information about the I-88 local crossroad bridge projects is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The local crossroad bridges are being rehabilitated to extend the life of the structures and the repairs are being done in coordination with the of the resurfacing of I-88, between U.S. Route 52 near Dixon and U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls.

Work Zone Safety

Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should slow down in construction zones, whether or not workers are present, watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times.

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 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- www.illinoistollway.com – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- www.twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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