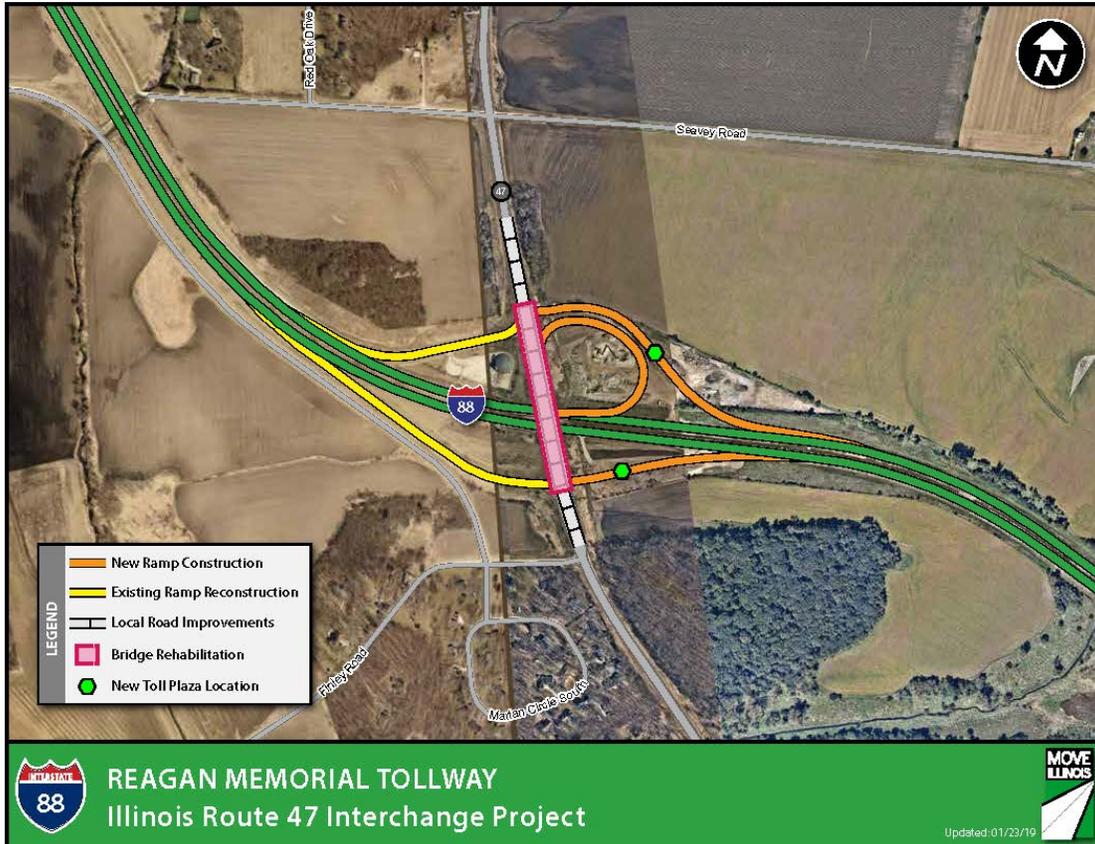


ILLINOIS TOLLWAY DELIVERED NEW SUGAR GROVE INTERCHANGE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY

New access in Sugar Grove is now open and funded in partnership with Sugar Grove, Kane County, and the Illinois Department of Transportation



On December 10, the Illinois Tollway opened I-88 Tollway access to improve regional mobility and support economic development opportunities for the Village of Sugar Grove. New ramps carrying traffic to and from the east on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Illinois Route 47 were successfully opened.

“Partnering to cooperatively invest state and local transportation funds is the best way to serve drivers in Northern Illinois,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “As part of our *Move Illinois* capital program, the Illinois Tollway has looked for strategic opportunities to invest in local interchange improvements that have the most potential to enhance regional mobility.”

“Projects like these are further proof that in Illinois there is one transportation system, spread across multiple modes and involving many partners, that supports economic development and enhances quality of life,” said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “We are proud to help deliver these improvements in an important region of the state, but even more proud of the teamwork that made them possible.”

The \$25 million [Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project on the Reagan Memorial Tollway \(I-88\)](#) in Sugar Grove, delivers new ramps to create a new, full-access interchange. Approximately 3,000 vehicles use this interchange daily. Improvements also included realignment of existing

ramps carrying traffic to and from the west and rehabilitation of the existing Illinois Route 47 Bridge over I-88. The Tollway project included funding from the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

“The distinguishing characteristic of any successful regional transportation project is partnership across multiple agencies and a willingness to look beyond the normal scope of our duties to deliver real solutions for our constituents,” said Kane County Board Chairman Chris Lauzen. “This project is a model for intergovernmental cooperation and Kane County is proud to have been a part of it. I commend President Michels for his leadership on getting this project off the ground and putting together the coalition to make the project a success.”

“Completing the interchange will finally put to rest the 45-year question of why the ramps were never constructed in the first place,” said Sugar Grove Village President Sean Michels. “The new ramps will help reduce miles traveled by local residents, promote economic development and eliminate a very confusing interchange. Sugar Grove truly appreciates the cooperation of the other agencies. By cooperating together, the agencies have made the region a better place to live and work.”