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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AND JEWEL-OSCO CONTINUE I-PASS PARTNERSHIP

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Getting an I-PASS transponder will continue to be as convenient as picking up a loaf of bread or gallon of milk at the grocery store, as the Illinois Tollway and JEWEL-OSCO today announced a new contract to continue to provide I-PASS services.

The new $3.7 million, five-year contract with JEWEL-OSCO provides Tollway customers with access to I-PASS transponders at more than 170 convenient locations throughout Northern Illinois.

"We know that our customers' time is valuable," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "While I-PASS helps drivers save time on the road, JEWEL-OSCO offers a quick and convenient way for our customers to get I-PASS transponders in the neighborhoods where they live and work."

At JEWEL-OSCO retail locations, Tollway customers can:

- Obtain a new I-PASS transponder in the checkout lane or at the store service desk
- Replace an outdated transponder as part of the Tollway's I-PASS Transponder Replacement Program
- Purchase an I-PASS gift card

"One of our main goals is to provide our customers products and services that are convenient and make their lives easier," said JEWEL-OSCO President Brian Huff. "This partnership allows us to do just that, so we are pleased to continue our relationship with the Illinois Tollway."

New I-PASS transponders can be obtained for $50, which includes the $10 transponder deposit and $40 in pre-paid tolls. JEWEL-OSCO applies a $2.90 service charge per transponder. Activation is required for transponders obtained at JEWEL-OSCO stores, and instructions are included in the transponder box. Once activated, transponders are ready for use within 24 hours in Illinois and within 48 hours in other states that accept I-PASS.

Replacement I-PASS transponders can be obtained by the I-PASS customers eligible for the Transponder Replacement Program at no cost. Replacement transponders are activated automatically for use within hours of the customer completing the exchange of transponder at JEWEL-OSCO.

Gift cards can be purchased by anyone in $20 increments with no additional service charge.

The new agreement will also provide the Illinois Tollway with in-kind marketing support, including in-store radio and television opportunities and print and newspaper advertising promotions.

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The Illinois Tollway began distributing I-PASS transponders through JEWEL-OSCO stores in 2003. To date, JEWEL-OSCO stores have distributed more than 2.4 million I-PASS transponders, more than 1 million gift cards and helped customers replace more than 500,000 outdated transponders.

The Illinois Tollway operates the largest open road tolling system in the nation with more than 2.2 million daily toll transactions. More than 86 percent of all transactions are I-PASS transactions from more than 4.6 million active transponders and more than 3.4 million active I-PASS accounts.

About JEWEL-OSCO
JEWEL-OSCO, a SUPERVALU company, operates 179 stores in Illinois, Iowa and Indiana. With a market-leading position in Chicago, JEWEL-OSCO stores offer consumers the convenience of combined grocery and pharmacy retail. Originally established in 1899, the company and its associates remain committed to the communities they serve. For more information about JEWEL-OSCO, please visit www.jewelosco.com or www.jeweloscopharmacies.com.

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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