



*Move Illinois:  
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**FUEL STATIONS AND CONVENIENCE STORES AT DES PLAINES OASIS PERMANENTLY  
CLOSING DECEMBER 14 TO ALLOW NEW INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION**

*Closure means construction of new I-490/I-90 Interchange will proceed in 2019*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The 7-Eleven fuel stations and convenience stores at the Des Plaines Oasis will close Friday, December 14, to allow underground fuel tanks at the site to be removed so construction can proceed in 2019 on a full interchange that will connect the new I-490 Tollway to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

The ramps and the parking areas at the oasis also will close at that time.

Following the closure, 7-Eleven will remove its underground fuel tanks and perform remediation work on the site.

After that work is completed, the Illinois Tollway plans to remove the remaining structures to allow construction of the new I-490/I-90 Interchange to proceed on that site in the spring of 2019.

“This is an exciting step that allows us to continue to moving forward with the construction of the new I-490 Tollway,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Liz Gorman. “The interchange that we’re building at this site will create a new connection with I-90 that will provide easier access to the western suburbs for our customers and ultimately offer drivers western access into O’Hare International Airport.”

The new interchange will consist of four ramps, including a ramp bridge over I-90 connecting westbound I-90 to I-490, constructed west of Mount Prospect Road and will provide full access between the two Tollways.

In addition, the I-490/I-90 Interchange Project will also include construction of a new multi-span bridge that will carry I-490 over the Metropolitan Water Reclamation of Greater Chicago’s Touhy Avenue Reservoir south of I-90. The project is scheduled to be complete in 2023.

Advance work began earlier this year to prepare for construction of the new ramps and bridges that will connect I-490 to westbound I-90. That work includes construction of collector-distributor roads along I-90, retaining walls and barrier walls, as well as drainage and utility work.

To accommodate interchange construction, the inside shoulders in both directions on I-90 between Elmhurst Road and Mount Prospect Road are closed to provide a work zone to complete the center pier construction for a future bridge over I-90. This work is scheduled to be completed this month.

The outside shoulders in both directions on I-90 are closed between the Oasis and Elmhurst Road to construct the noise wall, retaining wall, drainage and bridge substructures over Higgins Creek. This work will continue through the winter.

The new I-490 Tollway, coupled with the Illinois Route 390 Tollway which was completed in 2017, will connect businesses and communities with one of the nation’s busiest airports, transit facilities, major

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freight transportation hubs, distribution centers and multiple interstate highways including the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Designed to accommodate access into the O'Hare International Airport, the two new cashless Tollways include 17 miles of new roads with 15 new or improved interchanges. The new I-490 Tollway will be built to carry north-south traffic around the western border of O'Hare and provide access to the airport. The Illinois Route 390 Tollway currently carries east-west traffic between Lake Street (Illinois Route 20) and Illinois Route 83 and will include an interchange connection to the new I-490 Tollway.

**About *Move Illinois***

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first six 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) and planning for emerging projects.

**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.

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