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OVERNIGHT CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK ON I-290 AS PART OF THE I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE PROJECT AT I-294

Temporary lane closures needed to safely accommodate an equipment move

DOWNSERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight lane closures are scheduled this week on I-290 near the Village of Berkley for an equipment move for work relating to the I-290/I-88 Interchange Project at I-294, part of the Central Tri-State (I-294) Project.

Altogether, up to four nights of intermittent, full closures will be needed on I-290 between St. Charles Road and Wolf Road.

Beginning Wednesday, June 30, on I-290 one eastbound lane between St. Charles Road and I-294 and one westbound lane between Wolf Road and I-294 are scheduled to close at 8 p.m. A second westbound lane is scheduled to close at 11 p.m. with intermittent, full closures, each lasting 15 minutes, on westbound I-290 scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning. Similar closures will be scheduled overnight Thursday, July 1, into Friday, July 2.

During the week of July 5, two nights of 15-minute full closures will also be needed on westbound I-290. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#).

Electronic message signs will be in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight lane closures. All work is weather dependent.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, City of Elmhurst and City of Northlake, as well as local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Tollway's Central Tri-State Tollway Project includes the reconstruction of the interchange ramps connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and I-290, to reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues as well as infrastructure conditions.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

Information including maps, construction updates and a Virtual Open House is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

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.

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 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 nine years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and 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 Elgin O'Hare Western Access 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.

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