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HINSDALE OASIS OVER-THE-ROAD PAVILION CLOSING TO MAKE WAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL TRI-STATE (I-294) TOLLWAY

Removal will allow construction of new lanes to reduce congestion and improve travel

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway’s Hinsdale Oasis pavilion will close to the public today, September 13, in preparation for the anticipated removal of the over-the-road structures as part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. The two adjoining fuel stations and convenience stores operated by 7-Eleven will remain open and continue to provide services for both northbound and southbound travelers along I-294.

The anticipated closure of the pavilion was initially announced in 2017 upon the expansion of the *Move Illinois* capital program to include the widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway. Removing the oasis will allow a fifth lane to be added in each direction as part of the Tollway project to reconstruct the roadway from Balmoral Avenue to 95th Street. The 2017 announcement also included the previously removed O’Hare Oasis over-the-road pavilion and bridge structure, which was removed in 2018 as part of the project.

The Central Tri-State Tollway is being reconstructed to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs as a part of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

Information about the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is available in the Projects section on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com.

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* 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).

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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