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OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATION WORK ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN ROCKFORD

Two weeks of temporary, overnight closures needed on I-90 at Newburg Road and Mill Road

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures, with intermittent full roadway closures, are scheduled to begin in November on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Newburg Road and Mill Road in Rockford for the installation of safety improvements.

Weather permitting, lane closures will be scheduled to begin Monday, November 29, at Newburg Road with one westbound lane closing at 8 p.m. A second westbound lane is scheduled to close at 10 p.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30. Similar closures are also scheduled for Tuesday night in the eastbound lanes. Overnight, Wednesday, December 1 and Thursday, December 2, closures are scheduled in both directions, including intermittent full roadway closures, lasting 15-minutes. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning.

Once work is completed at the Newburg Road, closures will begin on I-90 at Mill Road following a similar schedule that will reduce traffic to a single lane overnight for four nights, with intermittent full closures of 15 minutes scheduled as needed.

All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the lane closures. The closure is necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate the installation of safety improvements. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

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-

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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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