ELGIN O'HARE WESTERN ACCESS PROJECT

I-490/I-90 Interchange Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Illinois Tollway is building a new, full-access interchange that will connect the new I-490 Tollway to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Des Plaines.

Construction began in the summer of 2018 and is scheduled to be complete in 2023.

In 2021, work is scheduled to construct the new ramps that will connect I-490 to I-90, including the I-490 bridge that will carry traffic over the Touhy Avenue Reservoir. Work is also scheduled to continue constructing retaining walls and barrier walls, as well as drainage and utility work.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The I-490/I-90 Interchange Project will significantly improve travel and enhance mobility throughout the adjoining communities by connecting the new tollway to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

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.

Customer Impacts

On I-90, lane and shoulder closures will be necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction. Whenever possible, the Tollway uses traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

Work 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 and can include 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.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at illinoistollway.com.

PURPOSE

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 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.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, O'Hare International Airport, Cook

County, as well as local fire and police departments. The project is funded by the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Tollway is committed to building green and minimizing the environmental impact of construction by reducing, recycling and reusing materials. In addition to reducing the cost of this work, reuse of these materials reduces the need for virgin asphalt materials and reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gases and the volume of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

GETTING TOLLWAY CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- Illinoistollway.com – Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- Daily construction alerts — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- Twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

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