



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK ON SUPREME DRIVE FOR ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY WORK IN BENSENVILLE**

*Temporary, full closures planned for bridge beam placement as part of bridge construction*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Temporary, overnight lane closures will be scheduled this week in Bensenville on Supreme Drive between South Thorndale Avenue and North Thorndale Avenue for bridge beam placement as part of the I-490/Illinois Route 390 Tollway Interchange Project.

Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the placement of bridge beams over the local roadway. Bridge beam placement will be scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic.

“The Illinois Tollway promotes safety of both drivers and workers as we plan and implement roadway improvements,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We will make every effort to minimize the impact of construction on our customers and ask drivers to please be patient and obey the work zone speed limits.”

On Tuesday, December 3, at 9 p.m. single lane closures in both directions on Supreme Drive are scheduled to be put in place, with intermittent, full closures of Supreme Drive, each lasting 15 minutes, beginning at 9 p.m. In addition, a single lane closure on South Thorndale Avenue is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4. Similar closures are scheduled overnight Wednesday and overnight Thursday, December 5.

As part of the I-490/Illinois Route 390 Tollway Interchange Project, Illinois Route 390 is being constructed from Illinois Route 83 to York Road and the future I-490 Tollway, including three lanes in the westbound directions and four lanes eastbound between interchanges. Frontage roads in this area were completed in 2017 on both sides of Illinois Route 390 to ensure access to local traffic.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, O’Hare International Airport, Chicago Terminal Railroad, Canadian Pacific Railway, the Federal Aviation Administration, DuPage County, as well as local fire and police departments. The project is funded by the Tollway’s *Move Illinois* Program.

The new I-490 Tollway, coupled with the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, 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.

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### **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. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 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 seven 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 planning for emerging projects, including 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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