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**TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES BEGIN THIS WEEK FOR BRIDGE WORK
ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) AT MEACHAM ROAD**

*Lane closures planned for bridge beam installation
as part of the Meacham Road Interchange Project*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL - Temporary, overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin this week on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) for construction of the new Meacham Road Bridge over I-90. The bridge remains open during construction and is part of the Meacham Road Interchange Project scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Weather permitting, overnight work is scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 16, to install bridge beams for the new Meacham Road Bridge carrying southbound traffic over I-90. Beam installation is scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures.

Overnight lane closures on I-90 are scheduled to start at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, with a lane closure in both directions to begin assembling two cranes in the work zone. Closures will continue with a second lane closing in both directions at 10 p.m. and a third eastbound lane closing at 11 p.m. Intermittent, full closures of the roadway, lasting no longer than 15 minutes, will be scheduled between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Friday, April 17, ahead of the morning rush hour.

Once the assembly of the cranes is complete, installation of 18 bridge beams is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 18, with overnight lane closures. One lane in both directions will close at 8 p.m., with a second lane closing after 10 p.m. A third eastbound lane will close at 11 p.m. Intermittent, full closures of the eastbound lanes, lasting no longer than 15 minutes, will begin after 11:30 p.m. and end by 4:30 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Sunday, April 19.

Weather permitting, five additional nights of lane closures will be scheduled for completion of bridge beam installation. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. daily, ahead of the morning rush hour.

In addition, starting the night of Saturday, April 18, one lane in each direction on Meacham Road will be closed nightly at 9 p.m. and reopen by 5 a.m. the next day for delivery of bridge beams.

The roadway closures were coordinated with village of Schaumburg, Cook County and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The Meacham Road Interchange Project is reconstructing the Meacham Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-90 and building two new ramps to create access to exit I-90 westbound at Meacham Road and enter I-90 westbound from Meacham Road. Up to 36,000 vehicles use this section of Meacham Road daily. The project is being coordinated with the village of Schaumburg and Cook County, along with local police and fire departments.

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All Meacham Road traffic is currently traveling on the northbound side of the bridge while construction of a new southbound side of the bridge is underway. All work is scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Construction information about the Meacham Road Interchange Project is available in the “Projects by Roadway” section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

A 35 mph speed limit is in effect 24/7 on Meacham Road. Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should slow down in construction zones, whether or not workers are present, watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

Meacham Road Interchange Project

The Meacham Road Interchange Project is reconstructing the Meacham Road Bridge over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), as well as the two ramps that make up the partial interchange, and includes improvements to Lee Street between Touhy Avenue and Upper Express Drive. The existing eastbound entrance and westbound exit ramps are being reconstructed with the same configuration. In addition, the project also provides room for a future multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path on the east side of the bridge and a sidewalk on the west side. The project cost is estimated at \$35-\$45 million with work scheduled to be complete in 2015.

The Meacham Road Interchange Project is funded by the Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. The Meacham Road Bridge was constructed as part of the original Tollway system in the 1950s.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

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

- www.illinoistollway.com – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- www.twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art, 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O’Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Project, Illiana Expressway and other emerging projects.

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).