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**OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK
ON HAMILTON LAKES DRIVE IN ITASCA FOR BRIDGE WORK**

Lane closures planned for bridge beam installation as part of new Illinois Route 390 construction

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures will be scheduled next week on Hamilton Lakes Drive in Itasca for bridge beam installation as part of construction of Illinois Route 390 over Hamilton Lakes Drive as part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project.

Beam installation for the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway will be done 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 and the posted detour.

Weather permitting, during the week of March 7, Hamilton Lakes Drive will be closed to traffic overnight with a posted detour. Lane closures are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. with one northbound lane closing, followed by closure of all lanes in both directions at 7 p.m. During the roadway closure, traffic will be detoured via East Pierce Road, Ketter Drive, Arlington Heights Road and Thorndale Avenue. Turn lanes from Thorndale Avenue onto Hamilton Lakes Drive will also be closed. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. the following morning.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway is continuing construction to extend the Illinois Route 390 Tollway east between I-290 and Illinois Route 83 along the current Thorndale Avenue, including work to build new bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. This work is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

As part of the project, the Tollway built a new road, Hamilton Lakes Drive in 2015, extending between Pierce Road and Clover Ridge Lane to enhance access to the Hamilton Lakes Business Park.

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating the roadway construction with the village of Itasca and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Construction information about the Illinois Route 390 Tollway 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 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect on Illinois Route 390. 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.

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Illinois Route 390 Project

The first phase of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Project includes building the new Illinois Route 390. The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by 2017 is improving the existing portion of Illinois Route 390, formerly known as the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to I-290 and extending Illinois Route 390 east to Illinois Route 83 along the current Thorndale Avenue with bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic.

The new Illinois Route 390 from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to Illinois Route 83, including a new interchange at I-290, is estimated at \$780 million. In 2015, the Illinois Tollway completed improvements to the western segment of Illinois Route 390 between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and Rohlwing Road.

In 2016, the project includes work to build the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway east from I-290 to Illinois Route 83, including construction of new bridges to carry Illinois Route 390 traffic over Hamilton Lakes Drive, Salt Creek, Mittel Boulevard and Lively Boulevard to accommodate local traffic. In addition, local interchange improvements, construction of new frontage roads, local roadway improvements and noisewalls will be built to accommodate the new Illinois Route 390. The new roadway between Rohlwing Road and Illinois Route 83 is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

These improvements are part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, which is included in the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

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 Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project

Considered a Project of National and Regional Significance by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project represents a fiscally responsible approach to address the area's diverse travel needs – improving travel efficiency, providing western access to O'Hare International Airport, creating opportunities for jobs and economic development, enhancing multi-modal connections and reducing congestion. The project includes 17 miles of new roads with 15 new or improved interchanges as part of a new, all-electronic toll road that includes rehabilitating and widening Illinois Route 390, formerly known as the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, and extending it east along Thorndale Avenue to O'Hare and building a new roadway around the western border of O'Hare linking the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Broadly supported by local governments, the project is the result of bipartisan consensus reached by the Elgin O'Hare Advisory Council in 2011, which brought together local communities, business, labor, public finance and regional planning and transportation experts.

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 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).

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