



*Move Illinois:  
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

# NEWS

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**TRAFFIC SHIFT, LANE CLOSURE ON PROSPECT AVENUE IN ITASCA  
SCHEDULED FOR ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION**

*Road reconstruction required to build new mainline interchange at Prospect Avenue  
as part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Traffic on Prospect Avenue in Itasca will be shifted and reduced to one lane in each direction this week to begin roadway reconstruction of Prospect Avenue to accommodate a new interchange and roadway as part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway will begin construction of a bridge to carry the new Illinois Route 390 over Prospect Avenue. The bridge will include two separate structures for eastbound and westbound traffic with three lanes in each direction as part of the construction of the new Illinois Route 390.

Weather permitting, on Monday, April 11, traffic in each direction on Prospect Avenue between Granville Road and Pierce Road will be shifted to the east with one left turn lanes in both directions open at the intersection of Thorndale Avenue. Traffic is expected to remain in this configuration until summer.

Similar traffic shifts in both directions will continue throughout the year to accommodate ongoing bridge and roadway construction. Electronic message signs as well as construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers. Construction is scheduled to be complete in 2017.

The Illinois Tollway is building a new full-access interchange including ramps to and from Prospect Avenue via the frontage road system as part of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway. New frontage roads will also be constructed in both directions to maintain local access.

In addition to interchange construction, improvements as part of the project will include reconstructing Prospect Avenue, as well as construction of sanitary and stormwater sewers.

The Tollway is coordinating work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Itasca and DuPage County, as well as local townships, villages and police and fire departments.

Construction information about the Illinois Route 390 Project is available in the “Projects by Roadway” section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway’s website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

The public can follow the progress of the work on the Illinois Route 390 Project via camera images offering bird’s-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway’s website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). Views of ongoing work are updated every 15 minutes and available online.

**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.

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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.

### **Illinois Route 390 Project**

The first phase of the \$3.4 billion 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](http://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](http://www.travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times
- [www.twitter.com](http://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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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).