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**BRIDGE BEAM PLACEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK
ON THE NEW EASTBOUND I-290 FLYOVER RAMP**

*Ramp construction is part of the I-290 Interchange Project
on the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Bridge beam placement is scheduled to begin this week for construction of the new flyover ramp bridge connecting eastbound I-290 to eastbound Illinois Route 390 as part of the I-290 Interchange Project. Additional lane and ramp closures with detours will be scheduled overnight as needed into May.

Electronic message signs as well as construction and detour signage will be put in place to alert drivers of the closures and detour.

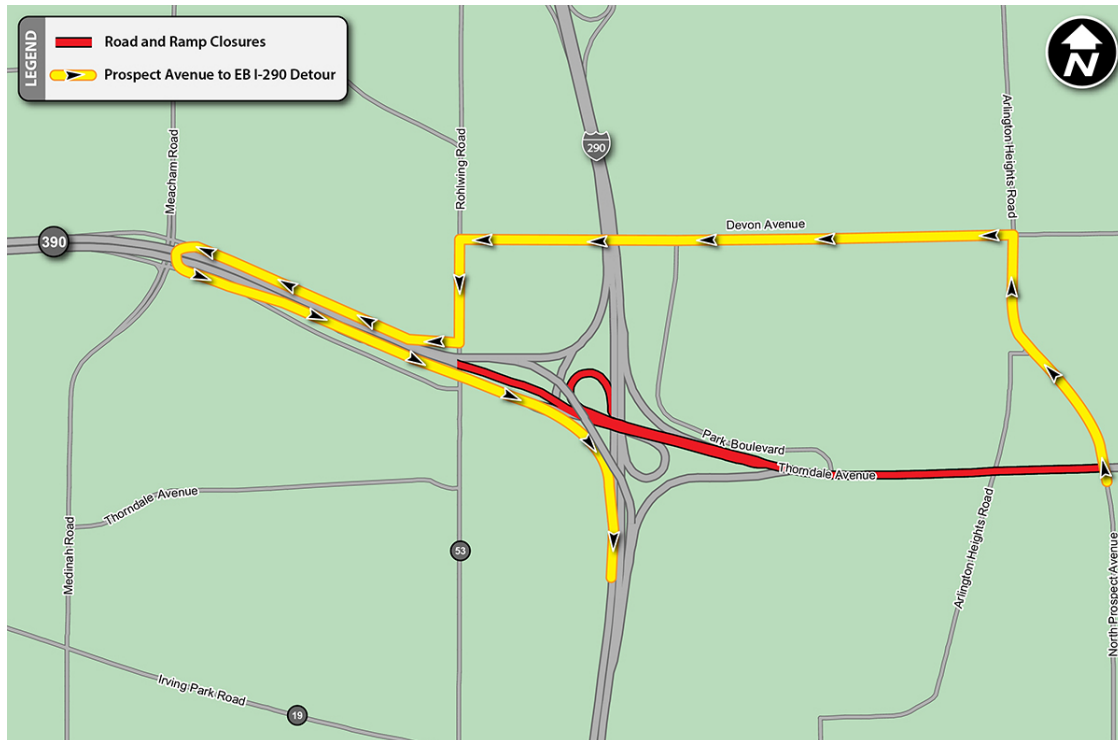
As part of the Illinois Tollway's I-290 Interchange Project, the Illinois Department of Transportation is building a new flyover ramp bridge scheduled to be complete in 2017. When completed, the three-level, multi-span structure will pass over both I-290 and Illinois Route 390 and create a new free flow movement.

Weather permitting, at 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, one westbound lane on Illinois Route 390 between Prospect Avenue and Rohlwing Road is scheduled to close, with a full closure of all westbound lanes scheduled from midnight to 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 24, for bridge beam placement.

A detour will be posted directing traffic north on Prospect Avenue, west onto Devon Avenue, south onto Rohlwing Road and then onto the westbound frontage road before reentering Illinois Route 390.

In addition, while the roadway closures are in place, the ramp carrying traffic from westbound Illinois Route 390 to eastbound I-290 will also close with a posted detour from midnight to 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 24. Ramp traffic will be directed along the same detour route to Meacham Road on to eastbound Illinois Route 390 at Meacham Road and then east on to Illinois Route 390 to eastbound I-290.

Roadway and ramp closures with posted detours will occur as needed through May for bridge beam installation.



Full closures on I-290 and Illinois Route 390 are being scheduled overnight to minimize the impact to daily commuters. Work on the new I-290 Interchange and detours are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and the Village of Itasca, along with local police and fire departments.

The new flyover ramp being constructed by IDOT will provide two, 12-foot lanes with a 10-foot outside shoulder and a 12-foot inside shoulder and will replace the ramp that ends at a signalized intersection at Illinois Route 390. The new flyover ramp bridge will be 1,063 feet in length with a bridge deck that will be approximately 38 feet above Illinois Route 390. A portion of the new flyover ramp bridge will also include a ramp connecting to Hamilton Lakes Drive.

The first portion of the new flyover ramp is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016, with traffic using the off-ramp to Hamilton Lakes Drive to access eastbound Illinois Route 390. The entire ramp is scheduled for completion in 2017 and will coincide with completion of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway from I-290 east to Illinois Route 83.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 and other area roadways remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway 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. On Illinois Route 390 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. Work zone speed limits are in place on other roads in the project area as well, including a 55 mph work zone speed limit on I-290.

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 a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

I-290 Interchange Project

As part of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway, the I-290 Interchange is being constructed by the Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Department of Transportation to provide direct access to and from Illinois Route 390 in all directions. Currently, about 83,000 vehicles per day use ramps at the Illinois Route 390/I-290 Interchange; 127,000 vehicles per day are expected to use the new interchange ramps when it opens in 2017 – an increase of more than 53 percent. Today, about 240,000 vehicles a day travel through the Illinois Route 390/I-290 area. By 2030, that number is expected to increase to 340,000.

The I-290 Interchange Project is estimated at approximately \$440 million and will include 17 ramps and 15 new bridges in the interchange area between Meacham/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue and will create direct access with a new fly-over ramp and free-flow traffic movements to and from Illinois Route 390 in all directions. The I-290 Interchange Project also includes construction of a new Rohlwing Road Bridge and access improvements along Illinois Route 390 between Meacham Road/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue. The new I-290 Interchange Project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017.

The public can follow the progress of the work on the I-290 Interchange via camera images offering bird's-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway's website, along with maps and construction project information available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway is part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project included in the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Moving 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 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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