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**LOCAL ROAD LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED IN MAY
FOR JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) CONSTRUCTION**

*Lane closures scheduled for I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project
in Elgin, Rolling Meadows, Des Plaines and Rosemont*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Local road lane closures will be scheduled throughout May in Elgin, Rolling Meadows, Des Plaines and Rosemont as work continues to rebuild the bridges carrying the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) over the local roads. This work is part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project and is scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and time for the scheduled lane closures. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the construction of new lanes in each direction on I-90. All work is weather dependent.

On Illinois Route 31 in Elgin, during the week of May 2, one night of overnight lane closures will be scheduled to remove bridge beams. One lane in both directions will be scheduled to close at 9 p.m., with full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled between 9:30 p.m. and 3:30 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m.

On Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines, during the week of May 2, two nights of full closures with a posted detour will be scheduled to remove bridge beams. Closures of Touhy Avenue will be scheduled overnight between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. While the road closure is in place, Touhy Avenue traffic will be detoured via Wolf Road, Oakton Street and Mannheim Road to reach Touhy Avenue.

On Golf Road in Rolling Meadows, during the week of May 9, three nights of full closures with a posted detour will be scheduled to install new bridge beams. Closures of Golf Road will be scheduled overnight between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. While the road closure is in place, Golf Road traffic will be detoured via West New Wilke Road, Algonquin Road and Meacham Road to reach Golf Road. Once the new beams are installed, one night of temporary, full closures will be scheduled, closing one lane at 8 p.m. with full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

On Mount Prospect Road in Des Plaines, during the week of May 16, three nights of overnight lane closures will be scheduled to place new bridge beams. One lane in both directions will be scheduled to close at 8 p.m., with full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 6 a.m.

On Higgins Road in Rosemont, during the week of May 16, the right eastbound lane is scheduled to close through mid-summer for bridge construction. The left eastbound lane and two westbound lanes will remain open to traffic.

The local roadway closures were coordinated with the cities of Elgin, Rolling Meadows and Des Plaines, the Village of Rosemont and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local police and fire departments.

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Current construction on I-90 between Elgin and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is part of the \$2.5 billion I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project. The eastern segment of I-90 is being rebuilt and a new lane added to provide four lanes in each direction between Randall Road and I-294.

The project also requires reconstruction of I-90 bridges over local roads between Illinois Route 53 and I-294. Mainline bridges with local road impacts include: Golf Road, Arlington Heights Road, Busse Road, Oakton Street, Mount Prospect Road, Wolf Road, Touhy Avenue, Mannheim Road and Higgins Road (Illinois Route 72) in Rosemont.

Construction information about the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening 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

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) remains 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 local roads work zone speed limits are in place, including a 40 mph work zone speed limit on Higgins Road, Golf Road and Mount Prospect Road and a 45 mph work zone speed limit on Illinois Route 31 and Touhy Avenue. On I-90 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project

The \$2.5 billion Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project will deliver a 21st century, state-of-the-art corridor linking Rockford to O’Hare International Airport. The I-90 corridor from downtown Chicago to Rockford serves nearly one million travelers per day. The project encompasses 62 miles and features six reconstructed and expanded lanes from Randall Road to I-39 near Rockford completed in 2014 and reconstruction and expansion to eight lanes from the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to Randall Road in Elgin to be completed in 2016. The new I-90 will also feature significant improvements to seven interchanges and bus on shoulder service along the eastern segment in partnership with Pace. In addition, the new I-90 includes flexible infrastructure to enable the Tollway to add new “smart” features and future transit expansion for the first time in the agency’s history.

The I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project is funded by the Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. The I-90 bridges were constructed as part of the original Tollway system in the 1950s.

Illinois Tollway Keeps Drivers Informed

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- 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 and travel 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 Project 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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