



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY TO HOST PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS
TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON 2016 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

*Events scheduled to share information about the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project
and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway will host public open house meetings in May to give customers, community members, businesses and others opportunity to learn more about construction scheduled in 2016, including on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project.

The public is invited to attend the informal meetings to view informational displays and construction plans and ask Tollway staff questions. The Illinois Tollway's 2016 capital program includes \$1.2 billion for construction and is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

"The Illinois Tollway is collaborating with local communities and the Illinois Department of Transportation to deliver road and interchange improvements that will make travel safer and easier for drivers. We appreciate hearing what our customers, residents and businesses have to say about the roadways that affect them," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. "We encourage the public to attend open house events to learn about what the Illinois Tollway is doing and get their questions answered, as we gather feedback."

On Wednesday, May 4, from 4-7 p.m., the Illinois Tollway will host an open house at NIU Hoffman Estates, 5555 Trillium Boulevard. The open house will provide information and the opportunity to ask Tollway staff questions about the \$2.5 billion I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway is on schedule to complete roadwork by the end of this year and begin work to implement the new SmartRoad between Barrington Road and the Kennedy Expressway in 2017. The project also includes local interchange improvements and reconstruction of I-90 bridges over local roads between Elgin and I-294.

On Thursday, May 12, from 4-7 p.m., the Illinois Tollway will host an open house at the Elk Grove Village Hall, 901 Wellington Avenue. The open house will provide information about 2016 construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and answer questions about cashless tolling scheduled to begin July 5 on the completed portion of the new roadway between I-290 to Lake Street (U.S. Route 20).

As part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project, roadway construction will continue in 2016 on the eastern section of the new Tollway from Rohlwing Road to Illinois Route 83, as well as on local frontage road, bridge and interchange construction to accommodate local traffic, including the I-290 Interchange and interchanges at Wood Dale Road and Illinois Route 83.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway has committed \$1.2 billion in funding for *Move Illinois* projects, including \$577 million to complete roadway rebuilding and widening the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as

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a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor, \$384 million to continue building the new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, and \$105.3 million to complete resurfacing on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from U.S. Route 52 to U.S. Route 30. Also in 2016, \$156 million has been budgeted for systemwide roadway, interchange and bridge repairs and other work to address the needs of the existing Tollway system.

The public can follow the progress of the work on Tollway construction on I-90 and Illinois Route 390 via camera images offering bird's-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway's website www.illinoistollway.com. Views of ongoing work are updated every 15 minutes and available online. Construction information about roadway underway in 2016 is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website.

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 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.

Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project

The first phase of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Project includes building the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway. 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. The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by the end of 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.

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).