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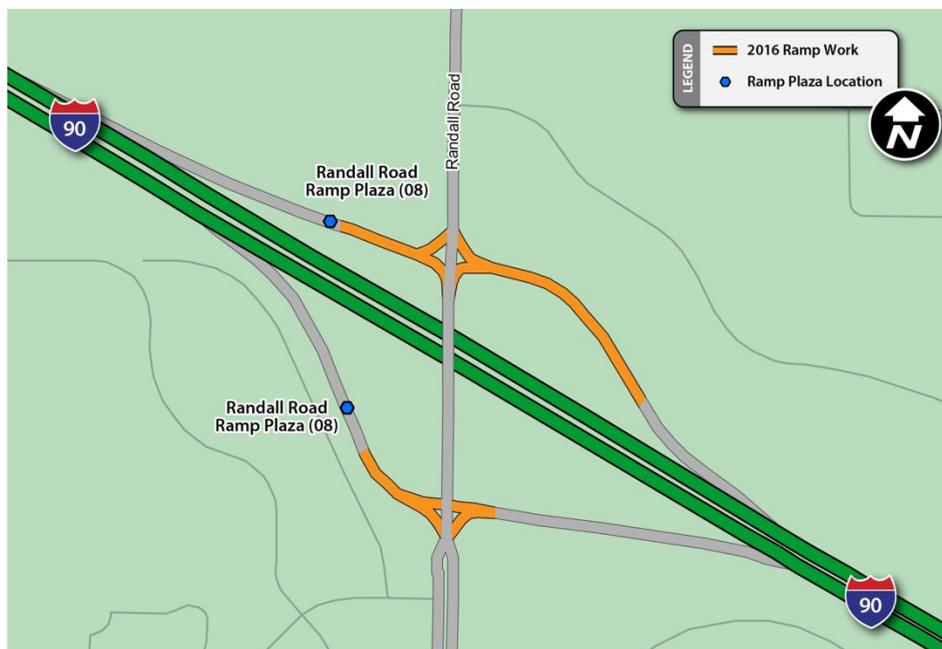
## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY BEGINS RAMP CONSTRUCTION AT RANDALL ROAD INTERCHANGE ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN ELGIN**

*All ramps remain open during construction*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A construction project to repair the ramps at the Randall Road Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Elgin is scheduled to begin next week. All ramps will remain open to traffic throughout construction, with work scheduled to be complete this fall.

Improvements to the Randall Road Interchange will extend the life of the ramps to provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. Work includes pavement repairs and shoulder reconstruction on portions of the ramps and on the medians on Randall Road.

Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and times for the scheduled lane closures. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the interchange repairs and improvements. All work is weather dependent.



Weather permitting, beginning the week of May 23, construction is scheduled to start on all four interchange ramps. Work will begin by shifting traffic to the left to provide a work zone on the right for repairs. When work on the right side of each ramp is complete, traffic will shift to the right side to complete work on the left side of each ramp.

While construction work is underway, lane closures will also be put in place on Randall Road adjacent to the interchange ramps, to provide a safe construction work zone for drivers and workers. On northbound Randall Road the right lane will be closed for median pavement repairs. Work will begin on the ramps carrying traffic to and from the east. When those repairs are complete, the right lane on southbound Randall Road will be closed to complete work on the ramps carrying traffic to and from the west.

The Tollway is coordinating work at the Randall Road Interchange with Kane County as well as local police and fire departments. Up to 35,750 vehicles use this interchange daily.

### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that Randall Road and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) 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 Randall Road a 45 mph work zone speed limit will be 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.

### **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](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 and travel 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 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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