



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 27, 2016

Contact: Jan Kemp
630-241-6800 ext. 2381
jkemp@getipass.com

**RAMP SCHEDULED TO REOPEN TO TRAFFIC AT BARRINGTON ROAD INTERCHANGE
ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)**

*Traffic shifts on Barrington Road to complete pavement work as part
of the Barrington Road Interchange Project*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The ramp carrying traffic from southbound Barrington Road to the eastbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Hoffman Estates is scheduled to reopen on Friday, May 27, in advance of the evening rush hour. The ramp was closed in April to accommodate pavement removal and replacement and drainage system installation for the Barrington Road Interchange Project.

Construction on the Barrington Road Interchange Project will continue as the Illinois Tollway works to build new ramps and complete interchange reconstruction by the end of this year. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures and new traffic patterns. Traffic shifts and ramp closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate traffic.

A closure will remain in place on the ramp carrying traffic from westbound I-90 to southbound Barrington Road. Traffic at this ramp is currently rerouted within the interchange to accommodate the ramp closure. A temporary traffic signal is installed north of I-90 to direct traffic at the interchange while the ramp is closed for reconstruction.

Construction is also ongoing to rebuild the bridge carrying Barrington Road traffic over I-90. Weather permitting, work to shift traffic will be scheduled the week of June 6. Two lanes of southbound Barrington Road traffic will be shifted onto the new bridge. Daily lane reductions will be in place for northbound traffic between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. until the traffic shift is completed.

Northbound traffic is scheduled to be shifted onto the southbound side of the bridge in late June, and once all traffic is shifted, paving work will begin on the northbound lanes of Barrington Road. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration until late summer.

The Barrington Road Interchange Project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the village of Hoffman Estates along with local police and fire departments. The average daily traffic on Barrington Road is approximately 30,000 vehicles to the north of I-90 and 45,000 to the south.

The public can follow the progress of the work on the Barrington Road Interchange via camera images offering bird's-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway's website www.illinoistollway.com. Views of ongoing work at Barrington Road are updated every 15 minutes and available online.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Barrington Road remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

-more-

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 I-90 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. A 35 mph work zone is in place in the construction zone on Barrington Road.

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.

Barrington Road Interchange Project

The Illinois Tollway is building a new, \$68 million interchange at Barrington Road on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). The new interchange will feature a four-way signalized intersection on the Barrington Road Bridge to improve traffic flow and mobility. The project is reconstructing the existing ramps on the east side and constructing new access to and from the west to complete the existing partial interchange. The new interchange will also provide access to a future Park & Ride facility planned by Pace.

The Barrington Road Interchange Project is funded in part by the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the village of Hoffman Estates. In addition, in partnership with Pace, the project accommodates construction of one of the first Park & Ride facilities on the Illinois Tollway system. Pace is leading the design and construction of the new Park & Ride facility in coordination with the completion of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project.

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 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).

###