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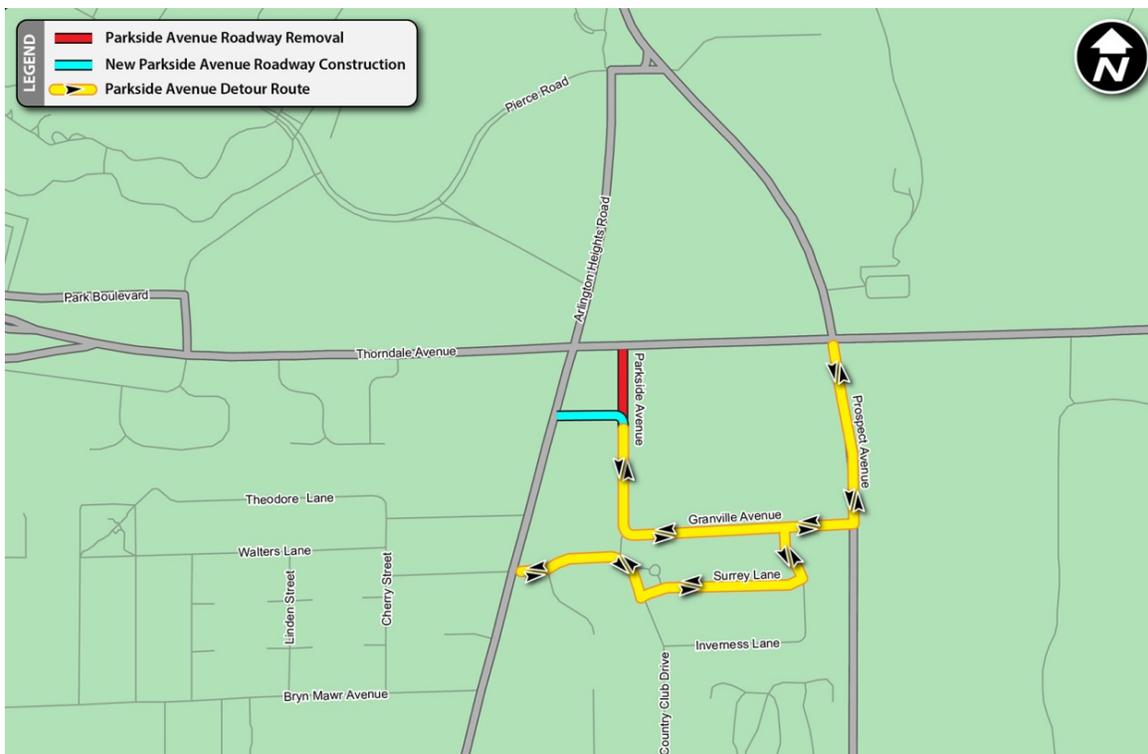
**PARKSIDE AVENUE CLOSURE IN ITASCA TO BEGIN THIS WEEK
AS PART OF THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY PROJECT**
Detours will be posted for local access work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A portion of Parkside Avenue in Itasca will be permanently closed and a detour posted beginning this week as the local road is realigned as part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project.

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 construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway, the northern portion of Parkside Avenue currently connecting to Thorndale Avenue will be removed to accommodate new ramps and frontage roads for local traffic. When work is complete, Parkside Avenue will be realigned to connect to Arlington Heights Road. Drivers will be able to access the new frontage roads and the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway from Arlington Heights Road when construction is complete by the end of 2017.

Weather permitting, on Thursday, June 2, Parkside Avenue between Thorndale Avenue and Granville Avenue will close at 7 a.m. and a detour will be posted until the realignment of Parkside Avenue is complete.



The detour will direct traffic traveling northbound on Arlington Heights Road to use Country Club Drive, Surrey Lane and Granville Avenue to access Parkside Avenue. Traffic traveling from Thorndale Avenue or Prospect Avenue will be directed to use Prospect Avenue and Granville Avenue to access Parkside Avenue.

The Tollway is coordinating work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Itasca and DuPage County, as well as local townships, villages and police and fire departments.

Construction information about the Illinois Route 390 Project is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway is continuing construction of Illinois Route 390, extending the roadway east to Illinois Route 83, including construction of bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. In addition, construction of a new eastbound frontage road is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2016. Completion of the new Tollway between Rohlwing Road and Illinois Route 83 is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

The public can follow the progress of the work on the Illinois Route 390 Project 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.

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.

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 Route 390 Project

The first phase of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Project includes building the new Illinois Route 390. The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by 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.

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. In 2015, the Illinois Tollway completed improvements to the western segment of Illinois Route 390 between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and Rohlwing Road.

In 2016, the project includes work to build the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway east from I-290 to Illinois Route 83, including construction of new bridges to carry Illinois Route 390 traffic over Hamilton Lakes Drive, Salt Creek, Mittel Boulevard and Lively Boulevard to accommodate local traffic. In addition, local interchange improvements, construction of new frontage roads, local roadway improvements and noisewalls will be built to accommodate the new Illinois Route 390. The new roadway between Rohlwing Road and Illinois Route 83 is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

These improvements are part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, which is included in the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving 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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