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**May 20, 2016**

**WEEKEND RAMP AND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390**

*Pavement, bridge work scheduled for this weekend, full ramp closure with detour in June*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Lane closures are scheduled this weekend and in June on the west end of Illinois Route 390 and on the ramps connecting Illinois Route 390 to Meacham Road and Lake Street for bridge and pavement work as part of the Illinois Route 390 Project.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures scheduled to begin tonight, Friday, May 20, and continue through the weekend with all lanes scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, May 23, ahead of the morning rush hour. All work is weather dependent.

- On eastbound Illinois Route 390, the right lane and a right-turn lane on the ramp to Meacham Road are scheduled to close at 9 p.m. for pavement work.
- On eastbound Illinois Route 390, one left lane between Gary Avenue and Springingsuth Road will close at 9 p.m. for bridge work.
- On westbound Illinois Route 390, one left lane between Gary Avenue and Lake Street and two left lanes on the ramp connecting westbound Illinois Route 390 to Lake Street are scheduled to close at 10 p.m. for pavement work.

Similar weekend-long closures also will be scheduled beginning on Friday, June 3, including full closure of the ramp connecting northbound Gary Avenue to eastbound Illinois Route 390. Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the closures and a detour will be posted. All work is weather dependent, and all lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, June 6.

- On eastbound Illinois Route 390, the left lane on the ramp on the ramp to Meacham Road and one right lane on eastbound Illinois Route 390 between Gary Avenue and Springingsuth Road are scheduled to close on Friday, June 3, at 9 p.m.
- The ramp connecting Gary Avenue to eastbound Illinois Route 390 is scheduled to close at 9 p.m. and a detour will be posted. The detour will direct traffic to Lake Street and then north to Illinois Route 390.
- On westbound Illinois Route 390, one right lane between Gary Avenue and Lake Street and two right lanes on the ramp connecting westbound Illinois Route 390 to Lake Street are scheduled to close at 10 p.m.

The weekend-long closures are needed to provide a work zone for pavement work and time for concrete to cure.

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](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

**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 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](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 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 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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