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**TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK
ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) AT SPRING CENTER AND TRIPP ROADS**

*Local crossroad bridges being reconstructed for
Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane closures on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) are scheduled next week for bridge beam installation at Spring Center Road and at Tripp Road in Boone County. The work is part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project and scheduled to be complete by the end of 2016.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the lane closures. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the construction of the new local crossroad bridges over I-90. All work is weather dependent.

During the week of June 20, lane closures, including overnight intermittent, full roadway closures, will be scheduled for bridge construction. Beginning at 7 a.m. on Monday, June 20, the left lanes in both directions on I-90 between Tripp Road and Spring Center Road are scheduled to be closed through Friday, June 24, to provide a work zone for equipment and beam installation.

In addition, two nights of additional lane closures will be scheduled on I-90 at each bridge, including intermittent, full closures of the roadway, for installation of new bridge beams. During the overnight work, two lanes in both directions are scheduled to close at 7 p.m. each night, with intermittent full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled between 11 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. Two lanes will be open to traffic in both directions each morning by 5 a.m. ahead of the morning rush hour.

After the beam installation is complete, shoulder closures in both directions and off-peak, daily lane closures will continue into fall on I-90 at both Spring Center Road and at Tripp Road, to provide a work zone to complete bridge reconstruction work.

Reconstruction of the Spring Center Road and the Tripp Road bridges is being coordinated with Boone County and Flora Township, along with local school districts and police and fire departments.

The Spring Center Road Bridge and Tripp Road Bridge were both constructed as part of the original Tollway system in the 1950s and are being reconstructed and widened to accommodate the new, wider I-90 roadway. Each of the two new concrete bridges will include one lane in both directions and shoulders. Up to 75 vehicles use the Spring Center Road Bridge daily. Up to 175 vehicles use the Tripp Road Bridge daily.

Both bridges are closed for reconstruction. Closure of the local crossroad bridges is necessary because the bridge structures are not wide enough to maintain traffic and provide a work zone. In addition to providing a safe work zone for construction workers and drivers, closure of the bridges will allow work to be complete in half the time.

The Spring Center and Tripp Road Bridges in Boone County are among four local crossroad bridges scheduled to be reconstructed along I-90 in 2016 to accommodate the new, wider I-90 roadway. Local crossroad bridge construction in 2016 also includes completion of work on the Higgins Road Bridge (Illinois Route 72) in Hoffman Estates. The Higgins Road Bridge (Illinois Route 72) in Gilberts was completed earlier this year.

Maps and construction project information about the I-90 local crossroad bridge projects are available in the “Projects by Roadway” section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

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

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 I-90 corridor from downtown Chicago to Rockford serves nearly one million travelers per day. 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.

The I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project is funded by the Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. The I-90 bridges were constructed as part of the original Tollway system in the 1950s.

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).

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