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**TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED THIS WEEK
ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 FOR I-290 INTERCHANGE PROJECT**
Ramp closure and detour needed for bridge beam placement at Rohlwing Road

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A temporary, overnight closure and detour of the ramp connecting Meacham Road to eastbound Illinois Route 390 and I-290 is scheduled this weekend for bridge beam placement as part of the construction of the ramp bridge connecting Rohlwing Road to eastbound Illinois Route 390.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detours. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the construction of the I-290 Interchange. All work is weather dependent.

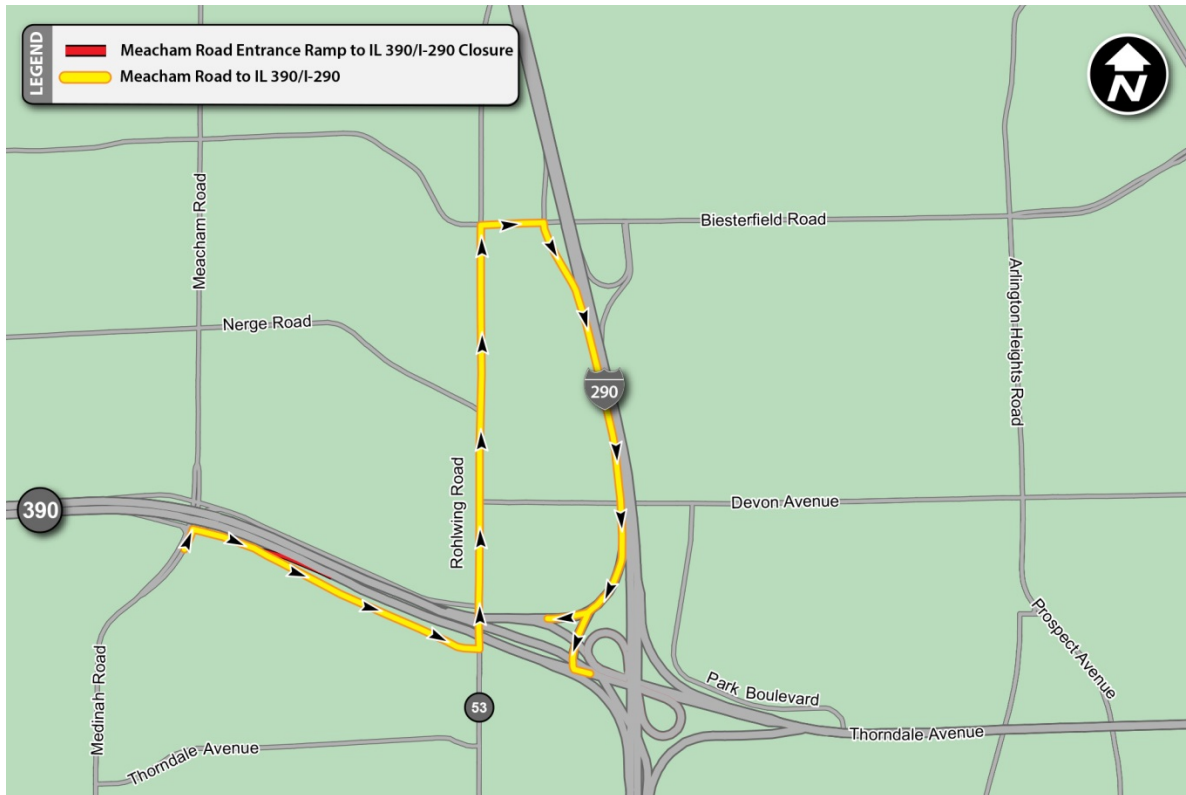
The Illinois Tollway is constructing ramps to connect the new Rohlwing Road Bridge to Illinois Route 390 as part of the new I-290 Interchange for the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway. The ramp carrying Rohlwing Road traffic to eastbound Illinois Route 390 is scheduled to be complete in 2017.

On Saturday, June 25, one eastbound lane on Illinois Route 390 between Meacham Road and I-290 is scheduled to close at 9 p.m., followed by second lane closure at 11 p.m. to prepare for bridge beam placement.

At 1 a.m. on Sunday, June 26, a full closure of the ramp connecting Meacham Road to eastbound Illinois Route 390 and I-290 is scheduled and traffic will be detoured. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. and all lanes are scheduled to reopen by 10 a.m. Sunday, June 26.

Posted detours will direct traffic traveling to I-290 to take the eastbound frontage road to Rohlwing Road and travel north to Biesterfield Road to reach the I-290 Interchange. To reach Illinois Route 390, traffic will be directed onto eastbound I-290 to access Illinois Route 390.

A similar closure will be scheduled overnight Sunday, June 26, to complete bridge beam placement, with all lanes and the ramp scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, June 27, ahead of rush hour traffic.



Work on the Rohlwing Road Interchange is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook and DuPage Counties and the Village of Itasca, along with local police and fire departments.

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. On Illinois Route 390 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. Work zone speed limits are in place on other roads in the project area as well, including a 55 mph work zone speed limit on I-290.

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-290 Interchange Project

As part of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway, the Illinois Tollway is completely rebuilding the I-290 Interchange at Illinois Route 390. Currently, about 83,000 vehicles per day use ramps at the Illinois Route 390/I-290 Interchange; 127,000 vehicles per day are expected to use the new interchange ramps when it opens in 2017 – an increase of more than 53 percent. Today, about 240,000 vehicles a day travel through the Illinois Route 390/I-290 area. By 2030, that number is expected to increase to 340,000.

The I-290 Interchange Project is estimated at approximately \$440 million and will include 17 ramps and 15 new bridges in the interchange area between Meacham/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue and will create direct access with a new fly-over ramp and free-flow traffic movements to and from Illinois Route 390 in all directions. The I-290 Interchange Project also includes construction of a new Rohlwing Road Bridge and access improvements along Illinois Route 390 between Meacham Road/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue. The new I-290 Interchange Project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017.

Maps and construction project information about the I-290 Interchange Project are available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway I-290 Interchange is part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and is included in the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Moving 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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