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**LOCAL ROAD LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED IN AUGUST
FOR JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) CONSTRUCTION**

*Lane closures scheduled for I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project
in Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines and Rolling Meadows*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Local road lane closures, including closures with posted detours, will be scheduled throughout August in Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines and Rolling Meadows as the Illinois Tollway continues work to rebuild the bridges carrying the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) over local roads. This work is part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project and is scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Electronic message signs and detour signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and times for the scheduled lane closures and posted detours. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction of new lanes in each direction on I-90. All work is weather dependent.

On Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines, beginning Thursday, July 28, one westbound lane under I-90 is scheduled to close into fall for bridge reconstruction work. One westbound and two eastbound lanes will remain open to traffic, however, temporary, off-peak lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. will be scheduled as needed in the eastbound lanes.

On Golf Road in Rolling Meadows, during the week of August 8, traffic shifts will be scheduled and lane closures in both directions will continue into fall for bridge reconstruction work.

On Oakton Street in Elk Grove Village, during the week of August 15, three nights of full closures with a posted detour will be scheduled to install new bridge beams. The closure of Oakton Street will be scheduled overnight between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. While the road closure is in place, Oakton Street traffic will be detoured via Busse Road, Algonquin Road and Elmhurst Road to reach Oakton Street.

On Busse Road in Elk Grove Village, during the week of August 22, three nights of full closures with a posted detour will be scheduled to install new bridge beams. The closure of Busse Road will be scheduled overnight between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. While the road closure is in place, Busse Road traffic will be detoured via Oakton Street, Elmhurst Road and Algonquin Road to reach Busse Road.

The local roadway closures and detours are coordinated with Elk Grove Village, the cities of Rolling Meadows and Des Plaines and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local police and fire departments.

Current construction on I-90 between Elgin and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is part of the \$2.5 billion I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project. The eastern segment of I-90 is being rebuilt and a new lane added to provide four lanes in each direction between Randall Road and I-294.

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The project also requires reconstruction of I-90 bridges over local roads between Illinois Route 53 and I-294. Mainline bridges with local road impacts include: Golf Road, Arlington Heights Road, Busse Road, Oakton Street, Mount Prospect Road, Wolf Road, Touhy Avenue, Mannheim Road and Higgins Road (Illinois Route 72) in Rosemont.

Construction information about the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project is 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 local roads work zone speed limits are in place, including a 40 mph work zone speed limit on Busse Road and Golf Road and a 45 mph work zone speed limit on Touhy Avenue. On Oakton Street, a 40 mph work zone is in place eastbound and a 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect westbound. 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 the addition of three Park & Ride stations in partnership with Pace.

In addition, the new I-90 includes flexible infrastructure to support the new SmartRoad scheduled to go live in spring 2017. Using the latest technologies, the I-90 SmartRoad will make the roadway safer and more efficient for Tollway customers, incorporating active traffic management, integrating transit and delivering a 21st century corridor.

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.

Illinois Tollway Keeps Drivers Informed

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- 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 and travel 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 292 miles of roadways 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), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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