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RAMP AND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED THROUGH AUGUST FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY AT I-290

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane and ramp closures with detours are scheduled to begin this weekend on I-290 and continue throughout August for construction of a new Illinois Route 390 Tollway bridge over I-290.

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 ramp detours. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates bridge construction work.

Weather permitting, six nights of lane closures will be scheduled in both directions on I-290 between Devon Avenue and Irving Park Road to provide a safe work zone for placement of new bridge beams. In addition, three nights of closures will be scheduled on the ramp connecting eastbound Illinois Route 390 to westbound I-290 and on the ramp connecting westbound Illinois Route 390 to eastbound I-290.

On Saturday, August 20, lane closures on I-290 are scheduled to begin with one lane in both directions closing at 8 p.m., followed by closure of a second lane at 10 p.m. A third westbound lane will close at midnight. Full westbound roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, will be scheduled between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Sunday, August 21. Reopening of the lanes is scheduled to begin by 6 a.m., with all lanes reopening by 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 21. Similar closures on I-290 will be scheduled over the next two nights, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending with all lanes reopening by 5 a.m. ahead of the morning rush hour.

In addition, during the overnight work, the ramp carrying eastbound Illinois Route 390 traffic to westbound I-290 is scheduled to close at 1 a.m. on Sunday, August 21. A detour will be posted directing traffic to Prospect Avenue, Devon Avenue, Rohlwing Road and Biesterfield Road to reach westbound I-290. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 7 a.m. on Sunday, August 21. The same ramp closure and detour will be scheduled over the next two nights between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

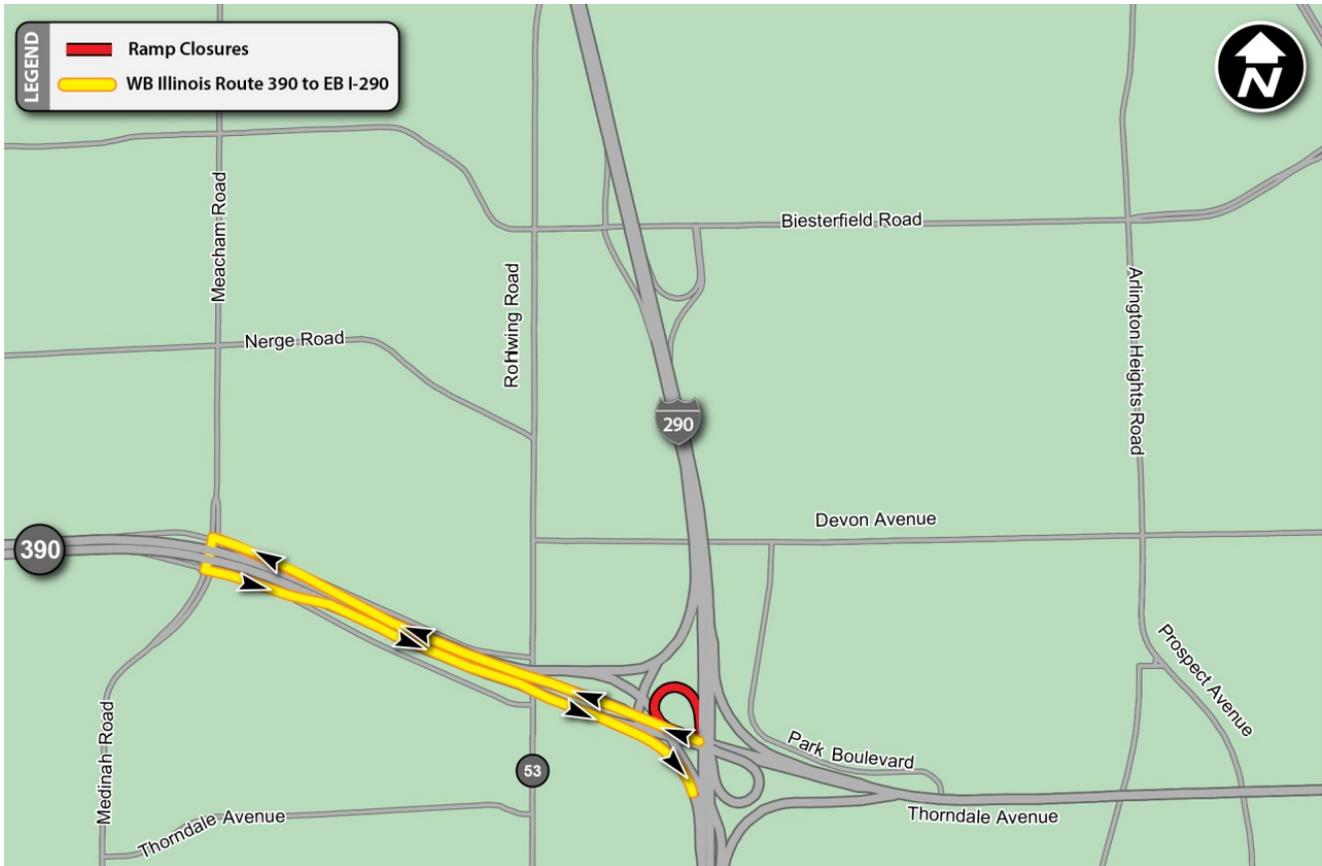
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Once bridge beam placement is completed over westbound I-290, work will begin over the eastbound side of I-290.

On Tuesday, August 23, lane closures are scheduled to begin on I-290 with one lane in both directions closing at 7 p.m., followed by a second lane closure at 9 p.m. A third eastbound lane will close at 11 p.m. Full eastbound roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, will be scheduled to begin at 1 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Similar closures on I-290 will be scheduled over the next two nights, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending with all lanes reopening by 5 a.m. ahead of the morning rush hour.

In addition, the ramp carrying westbound Illinois Route 390 traffic to eastbound I-290 will be scheduled to close at 1 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24. A detour will be posted directing traffic to continue west to Meacham Road to exit and reenter to eastbound Illinois Route 390 to reach the ramp to eastbound I-290. The ramp is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, ahead of the morning rush hour. The same ramp closure and detour will be scheduled over the next two nights between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.



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 Tollway is coordinating work with the Illinois Department of Transportation 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.

The public can follow the progress of the work on the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project via camera images offering bird’s-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway’s website www.illinoistollway.com. Views of ongoing work at the I-290 Interchange and Illinois Route 390 Tollway are updated every 15 minutes and available online.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 Tollway 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.

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, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

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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