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# NEWS

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**BRIDGE BEAM PLACEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEKEND  
ON THE RAMP FROM WESTBOUND I-290 TO EASTBOUND ILLINOIS ROUTE 390**

*Closures and detours on Illinois Route 390 are part of the I-290 Interchange Project on the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Lane and ramp closures with detours are scheduled to begin this weekend on Illinois Route 390 as bridge beam placement begins for construction of the ramp bridge connecting westbound I-290 to eastbound Illinois Route 390.

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 the construction of the new ramps. All work is weather dependent.

Weather permitting, on Saturday, August 27, one eastbound lanes on Illinois Route 390 between Meacham Road and Park Boulevard is scheduled to close at 9 p.m. All eastbound lanes between I-290 and Park Boulevard are scheduled to close at midnight and a detour will be posted directing traffic to use Rohlwing Road, Devon Avenue and Prospect Avenue to continue east on Illinois Route 390.

In addition, the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-290 to eastbound Illinois Route 390 is scheduled to close at midnight and a detour will be posted directing traffic to exit at Biesterfield Road in advance of the interchange. Traffic will be detoured along Rohlwing Road, Devon Avenue and Prospect Avenue before continuing onto eastbound Illinois Route 390.

The ramp and one eastbound lane are scheduled to reopen by 8 a.m. on Sunday, August 28. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 10 a.m.

Similar closures are scheduled overnight Sunday, August 29, with all lanes reopening by 5 a.m. on Monday, August 29, in advance of the morning rush hour.

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Work on the new I-290 Interchange and detours are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook and DuPage Counties and the Village of Itasca, along with local police and fire departments.

The ramp is scheduled for completion in 2017 and will coincide with completion of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway from I-290 east to Illinois Route 83.

### 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 I-290 Interchange is being constructed by the Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Department of Transportation to provide direct access to and from Illinois Route 390 in all directions. 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.

The public can follow the progress of the work on the I-290 Interchange via camera images offering bird's-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway's website, along with maps and construction project information 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).

The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway is part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project 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](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, 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, 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 292 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), 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.