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

*Lane closures scheduled for I-90 Rebuilding and Widening
Project in Des Plaines and Elgin*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Local road lane closures, including closures with posted detours, will be scheduled throughout October in Des Plaines and Elgin 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 December.

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 Airport Road in Elgin, beginning Friday, October 7, through late October, all traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Tollgate Road and just west of River Ridge Drive. In addition, Airport Road and West River Road will be limited to one-way traffic eastbound on the westbound lanes between River Ridge Drive and Exit Road. The lane closures will not restrict access to local businesses, residences and the Voyageur's Landing Forest Preserve.

On Trout Park Boulevard in Elgin, beginning in late October, the section of roadway between Duncan Avenue and Sherwood Avenue will be closed for reconstruction. While the road closure is in place, a detour will be posted directing Trout Park Boulevard traffic to Glenwood Trail to access Duncan Avenue.

On Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines, beginning in late October, overnight closures for eastbound and westbound traffic will be necessary for bridge beam placement. The overnight roadway closures will be scheduled between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and detours will be posted. Currently, traffic on Touhy Avenue is reduced to two lanes of eastbound traffic and one lane of westbound traffic. Traffic will remain in this configuration through early November as bridge construction continues.

The local roadway closures and detours are coordinated with the Village of Des Plaines, the City of Elgin 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.

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.

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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 45 mph work zone speed limit on Touhy Avenue. 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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