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## **LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES IN BENSENVILLE TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK AS PART OF THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY PROJECT**

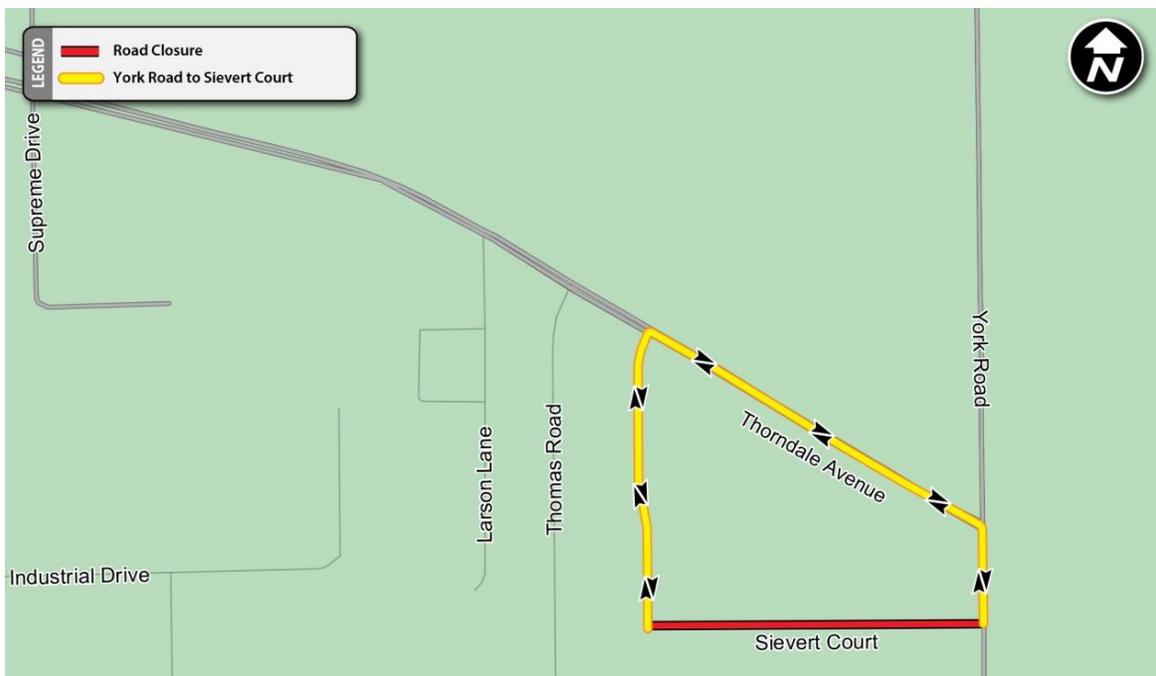
*Detours will be posted for local access work at Sievert Court and Thomas Drive*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A portion of Sievert Court in Bensenville will be permanently closed and a portion of Thomas Drive in Bensenville will be closed temporarily beginning next week as local road work continues as part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project. Detours will be posted for both closures.

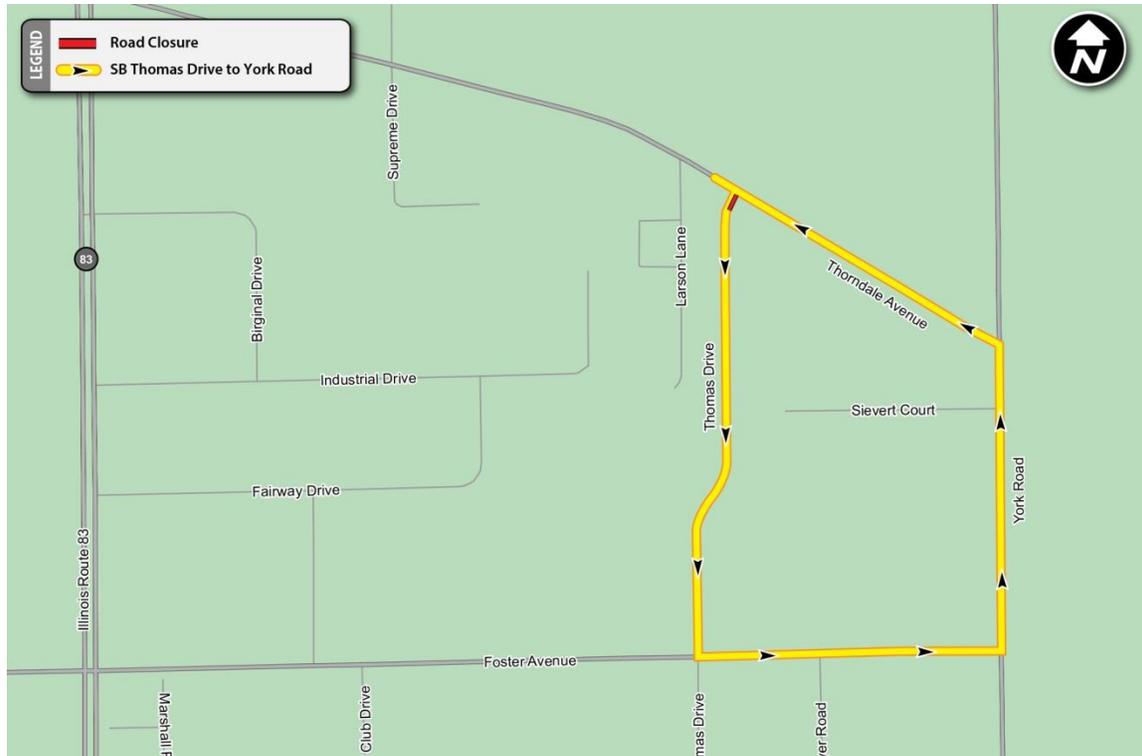
Electronic message signs and detour signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and times for the scheduled road closures and detours. The closure is necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction. All work is weather dependent.

Weather permitting, during the week of October 17, Sievert Court will close and a detour will be posted until the construction of the realignment of Sievert Court is complete. The detour will direct traffic onto a newly constructed temporary road to Thorndale Avenue then east to York Road.

As part of the construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway, a portion of Sievert Court currently connecting to York Road will be removed to accommodate new ramps and frontage roads for local traffic. When work is complete, Sievert Court will be realigned to connect to the Illinois Route 390 frontage road. Drivers will be able to access York Road and the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway from the frontage road when construction of this portion is complete by the end of 2016.



In addition, weather permitting, during the week of October 17, northbound Thomas Drive south of Thorndale Avenue will close at 7 a.m. to allow for construction of a new intersection with the south frontage road. A detour will be posted directing traffic to use York Road and Foster Avenue. The closure and detour are scheduled to stay in place into November.



The Tollway is coordinating work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Bensenville 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](http://www.illinoistollway.com).

The public can follow the progress of the work on the EOWA Project via camera images offering bird’s-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway’s website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). Views of ongoing work at the I-290 Interchange and Illinois Route 390 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.

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](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.

### **Illinois Route 390 Project**

The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017 is providing an improved roadway from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to I-290 and extending Illinois Route 390 east to Illinois Route 83 along the current Thorndale Avenue with bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. The new Illinois Route 390 from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to Illinois Route 83, including a new interchange at I-290, is estimated at \$780 million. In 2015, the Illinois Tollway completed improvements to the western segment of Illinois Route 390 between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and Rohlwing Road. These improvements are part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, which is included in the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

### **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 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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