



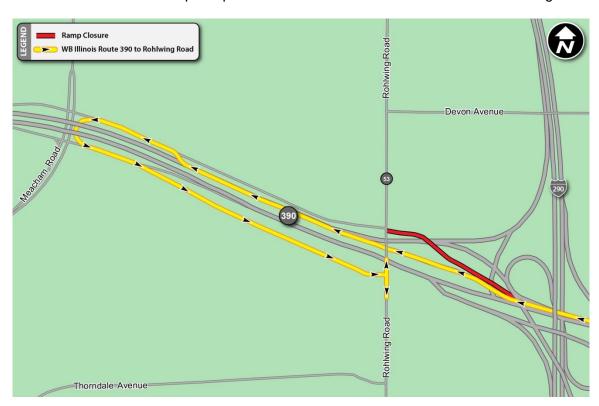
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TEMPORARY RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED THIS WEEK ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY Ramp closure and detour needed for pavement work at Rohlwing Road

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A temporary closure of the ramp connecting the westbound Illinois Route 390 Tollway and Rohlwing Road is scheduled to begin this week for pavement work. A detour will be posted.

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 24, the ramp carrying the westbound Illinois Route 390 Tollway to Rohlwing Road will close and a detour will be posted into November. The detour will direct traffic to continue on westbound Illinois Route 390 to the Meacham Road exit where traffic will be routed via the Meacham Road loop ramp to eastbound Illinois Route 390 and the Rohlwing Road exit.



Work at the Rohlwing Road Interchange is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook and DuPage Counties and the Village of Itasca, along with local police and fire departments.

Construction information about the <u>Illinois Route 390 Project</u> 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 EOWA 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 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:

- <u>www.illinoistollway.com</u> Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI Daily lane closure information
- <u>www.travelmidwest.com</u> Real-time travel times
- <u>www.twitter.com</u> Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

I-290 Interchange Project

As part of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway, the Illinois Tollway is completely rebuilding the I-290 Interchange at Illinois Route 390. 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.

Maps and construction project information about the I-290 Interchange Project are available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway I-290 Interchange is part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and is included in the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Moving 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 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.