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## ADDITIONAL CLOSURES ON SUPREME DRIVE IN BENSENVILLE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK AS PART OF THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY PROJECT

Roadway closure and detour required for sanitary sewer work

**DOWNERS GROVE**, **IL** – A portion of northbound Supreme Drive in Bensenville will be closed temporarily with a posted detour beginning this week for local road work continuing as part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project.

Electronic message signs and detour signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and times for the scheduled road closure and detour. 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 31, northbound Supreme Drive north of Thorndale Avenue will close to allow for sanitary sewer work. A detour will be posted directing traffic to use York Road. The closure and detour are scheduled to stay in place through November.



In August, a segment of southbound Supreme Drive north of Thorndale Avenue closed and a detour was posted for pavement work. Traffic will remain in this configuration though the end of the year.

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 <u>Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project</u> is available under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section on the Tollway's website at <u>illinoistollway.com</u>.

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 <u>illinoistollway.com</u>. 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.

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>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>travelmidwest.com</u> Real-time travel times
- <u>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.

#### 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 throughout the 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 other 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.