



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT BARRINGTON ROAD

New pedestrian bridge over I-90 will provide commuter access to new Pace Park-n-Ride station

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures are scheduled this weekend on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Barrington Road for construction of a new pedestrian bridge over the roadway that will provide commuters access to a new Pace Bus Park-n-Ride station. Electronic message signs are in place and will be used to alert drivers in advance to traffic pattern changes and roadway closures.

Weather permitting, overnight lane closures will be scheduled over three nights to install the new pedestrian bridge over I-90. Construction is scheduled during weekend overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction of the new pedestrian bridge.

Beginning on Friday, March 17, and continuing through Sunday, March 19, overnight work is scheduled between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work will begin with a single lane closure in both directions at 8 p.m., followed by closure of a second lane in both directions at 10 p.m. and closure of a third lane in both directions at 11:30 p.m. Full roadway temporary roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, will be scheduled in the westbound lanes between midnight and 2:30 a.m. and in the eastbound lanes between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m.

One lane in both directions will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning with two lanes in both directions scheduled to remain closed throughout the weekend. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, March 19.

Additional overnight lane closures will be required through spring as work continues on the bridge. The pedestrian bridge construction is scheduled to be complete by summer.

Pace Suburban Bus is leading the design and construction of the new Barrington Road Station in coordination with the completion of the Tollway's I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project. The new Pace station will feature the region's first bus-only ramps within I-90 to provide passenger drop-off service, as well as a 170-space parking lot for the Park-n-Ride station on the north side of I-90 and a Kiss-n-Ride location on the south side of the Tollway. The station will include two pedestrian underpasses, as well as the 250-foot-long pedestrian bridge over I-90.

As part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project, the Illinois Tollway invested \$240 million to integrate transit into the corridor today through the use of new Flex Lanes for Pace Bus service, as well as accommodate future transit expansion plans.

The I-90 improvements completed in 2016 include wider, reinforced shoulders and inside lanes to provide dedicated and reliable transit service. The flexible design and the new I-90 SmartRoad will support bus on shoulder when needed and bus-only lanes in the future. In addition, I-90 will feature the

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first Pace Park-n-Ride stations constructed on the Tollway at Randall Road, Illinois Route 25 and Barrington Road to improve transit services between Chicago and Elgin.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Barrington Road 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 I-90 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. A 35 mph work zone is in place in the construction zone on Barrington Road.

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:

- 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
- travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- 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 Pace

Pace is the premier suburban transit provider, quickly moving people to work and school safely and efficiently. The backbone of Chicago's suburbs, Pace serves tens of thousands of daily riders with fixed bus routes, regional ADA paratransit service, vanpools and Dial-a-Ride programs. Pace covers 3,500 square miles and is one of the largest bus services in North America.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first five years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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.