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**TOLL GANTRY INSTALLATION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK FOR
NEW ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY EASTERN SEGMENT**

*No tolls to be collected until later this year following completion
of the new tollway between I-290 and Illinois Route 83*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight lane closures on Thorndale Avenue are scheduled on Friday, March 17, for construction of toll gantries near Mittel Drive as part of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project. Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance to roadway closures.

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.

Weather permitting, on Friday, March 17, beginning at 11 p.m., one eastbound lane on Thorndale Avenue is scheduled to close between Salt Creek and Mittel Drive for installation of the over-the-road steel structures. Intermittent, full closures of all eastbound lanes, each lasting no longer than 15 minutes, will be scheduled between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m., with all lanes scheduled to reopen by 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18.

Work to build three new cashless toll collection points is part of the construction of the eastern segment of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway between I-290 and Illinois Route 83 scheduled for completion in 2017. Cashless toll collection points will be located near Park Boulevard, Mittel Drive and Lively Boulevard.

Work to install all the toll collection structures, toll collection equipment and testing is scheduled continue into fall. Only the structures near Mittel Drive will be located over live traffic during construction. A sign stating “No Tolls Taken” will be posted on the tolling gantries until the toll collection begins on the eastern segment of the new Tollway.

The Illinois Route 390 Tollway will be the first all-electronic roadway to open on the Illinois Tollway system. Cashless tolling is underway along the Illinois Route 390 Tollway from Lake Street to I-290. Cashless tolling means no coin baskets or toll booths along the roadway – cash is not accepted. All-electronic tolling provides for a safer, more efficient, and seamless method of collecting tolls from customers.

Altogether, all-electronic tolling gantries will be installed at six locations along the Illinois Route 390 Tollway and on the Ketter Drive entrance ramp. Toll collection points located closer together will reduce the cost of shorter trips and ensure that the rate paid for shorter trips is as fair and equitable as the rate paid by the driver traveling the entire length of the roadway. Tolling began on the western segment of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between U.S. Route 20 and I-290 in July 2016.

Work Zone Safety

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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. A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect for traffic using the frontage roads throughout construction. 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:

- 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.

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 2016, the Illinois Tollway opened the western segment of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and I-290. 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*, 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.