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# NEWS

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**LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON ELMHURST ROAD  
OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)**

*Long-term closures needed to complete local improvements  
as part of the Elmhurst Road Interchange Project*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Local road lane closures are scheduled to begin next week as construction resumes at the Elmhurst Road Interchange Project on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with local roadway improvement work.

The local road lane closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the completion of construction activities. Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers to the lane closures and traffic patterns.

Weather permitting, on Monday, April 3, Elmhurst Road traffic south of the interchange will be reduced to one lane in both directions for pavement removal and replacement. This stage of construction is scheduled to continue into mid-May.

In addition during the week of April 3, traffic will also be reduced to one lane in each direction on Oakton Street and Elmhurst Road to complete intersection and local road work. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration until work is completed this summer.

Currently, the ramps carrying traffic to and from the east are open to traffic with the ongoing construction work zone adjacent to Elmhurst Road.

Local road lane closures are being coordinated with the Elk Grove Village, the City of Des Plaines, the Village of Mount Prospect, Cook County and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local police and fire departments.

The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to complete the Elmhurst Road Interchange Project in 2017. Prior to opening the new diverging diamond interchange configuration and new ramps to carry traffic to and from the west, work includes completion of pavement on Elmhurst Road, installation of new permanent traffic signals, lighting and pavement markings necessary to safely open the interchange in the configuration. In addition, remaining local road improvements include completion of work at the Oakton intersection and reconstruction of Elmhurst Road pavement south of the interchange.

**Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Elmhurst 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. A 30 mph work zone is in place in the construction zones on Elmhurst Road.

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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.

### **Elmhurst Road Interchange Project**

The \$54 million Elmhurst Road Interchange Project will complete the existing partial interchange that currently only provides access to and from the east.

When complete the new, diverging diamond interchange design at I-90 and Elmhurst Road will eliminate left turns in front of oncoming traffic, smooth traffic flow and reduce congestion. Right turns work the same as they do at conventional interchanges, and traffic is controlled by signals.

The project also included construction of two new bridge structures to carry southbound and northbound Elmhurst Road traffic over I-90 with a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists in the median of the northbound bridge.

The project is funded in part by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, and by the Village of Schaumburg and Cook County.

Construction information about the Roselle Road Interchange Project is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Explore Projects section on the Tollway's website at [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com).

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [Illinoistollway.com](http://Illinoistollway.com) – Explore Projects section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- [travelmidwest.com](http://travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times
- [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at ILTollway, Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.