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**REPAIRS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON SPRING CREEK ROAD BRIDGE
OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN ROCKFORD**

Repair work also scheduled at the Riverside Boulevard Interchange in Loves Park on I-90

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is scheduled to begin local road bridge repairs next week on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in the Rockford area with the closure of the Spring Creek Road Bridge. In addition, repair work is also scheduled on ramps at the East Riverside Boulevard Interchange on I-90 in Loves Park.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures and posted detours throughout the repair work. Traffic shifts and closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate bridge and ramp repair work on I-90.

The Spring Creek Road Bridge is among five local crossroad bridges scheduled to be repaired along I-90 in Rockford and in Winnebago County in 2017. Local crossroad bridges being repaired in 2017 also include Rock Cut State Park Road, Harlem Road, Belvidere Road and Rockton Road in Winnebago County.

In addition, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled repairs on three I-90 mainline bridges over Burr Oak Road, Stone Bridge Trail and Illinois Route 173, as well as on ramps at the Rockton Road Interchange and East Riverside Boulevard Interchange.

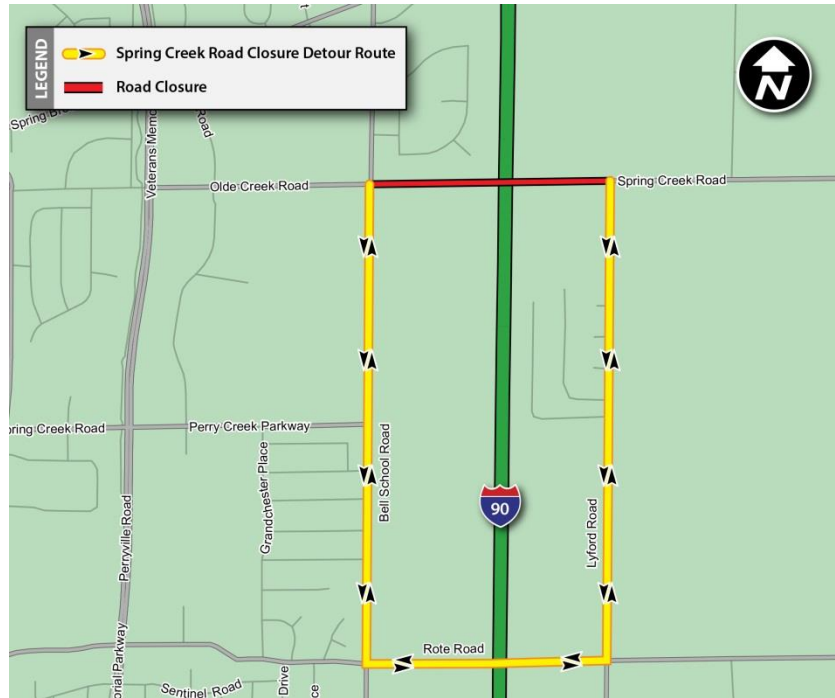
All repair work is scheduled to be complete this summer.

Spring Creek Road Bridge

Weather permitting, on Monday, April 3, work on the Spring Creek Road Bridge is scheduled to begin with overnight lane closures for two nights on I-90 to prepare for bridge repair work. Once the advance work is complete, a two-week full closure of the bridge is scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5.

During the bridge closure, posted detours will direct eastbound traffic to Bell School Road and direct westbound traffic to Lyford Road and then over I-90 via Rote Road.

Closure of the local crossroad bridge is necessary because the bridge structure is not wide enough to maintain traffic and provide a work zone. In addition to providing a safe work zone for construction workers and drivers, closure of the bridge will allow work to be complete in half the time. Up to 6,600 vehicles use this bridge daily.



East Riverside Boulevard Interchange

Weather permitting, ramp pavement and shoulder repairs are scheduled to begin on all four ramps at the East Riverside Boulevard Interchange. The right shoulder and lane on each ramp are scheduled to close at 6 a.m. on Monday, April 3. When that work is complete, the left shoulder and lane on each ramp will be closed for repairs. Up to 11,650 vehicles use this interchange daily.

Construction and detours are being coordinated with the City of Rockford, the City of Loves Park and Winnebago County, along with local school districts and police and fire departments.

Bridges and ramp repairs scheduled for 2017 on I-90 are necessary to maintain and extend the life of the bridges and ramps and to provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Construction information about the Local Crossroad Bridge and the I-90 Bridge and Ramp Repairs Projects is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Explore Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) remains 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 65 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. A 40 mph work zone is in place on the ramps.

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 – 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 – Real-time travel times
- 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 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.

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