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## **LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES, TRAFFIC SHIFTS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 PROJECT**

*Detour planned for Thomas Drive, work resumes at Wood Dale Road Interchange*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – A portion of Thomas Drive south of Thorndale Avenue in Bensenville is scheduled to close for a week for pavement work as part of the Illinois Route 390 Project. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the closures and detour.

Weather permitting, at 7 a.m. on Monday, April 3, northbound Thomas Drive at the south frontage road is scheduled to close to traffic for a week. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10. A signed detour will be put in place directing traffic to use Foster Avenue to York Road to access the south frontage road.



The work will include concrete pavement placement and curing time and is needed to complete the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

On Monday, April 3, work is also scheduled to resume at the Wood Dale Road and the Arlington Heights Road Interchanges.

Weather permitting, starting at 7 a.m. traffic on Wood Dale Road between Thorndale Avenue and Mark Street is scheduled to be reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted to the east. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration until late May.

Also starting at 7 a.m., traffic on Arlington Heights Road is scheduled to shift to widen and reconstruct the roadway. The left lane on northbound Arlington Heights Road between Country Club Drive and Pierce Road will close and traffic will be shifted to the right onto newly constructed temporary pavement. The right lane on southbound Arlington Heights Road between Pierce Road and Country Club Drive will close and traffic will be shifted to the left onto newly constructed temporary pavement. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration until mid-June.

Additional traffic shifts are scheduled at Mittel Boulevard, Illinois Route 83, Lively Boulevard and Supreme Drive later this spring. Southbound Hamilton Lakes Drive between Park Boulevard and Thorndale Avenue is also scheduled to close this spring through summer. A detour will be posted.

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating the roadway construction with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Villages of Itasca and Bensenville and DuPage County, as well as local townships, villages and police and fire departments.

Construction information about the [Illinois Route 390 Tollway 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).

### **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. 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](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](https://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.

### **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 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.

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