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# TRAFFIC SHIFTS, DETOURS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF HAMILTON LAKES DRIVE INTERCHANGE ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY PROJECT

Month-long closure of southbound Hamilton Lakes Drive scheduled to begin in May

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** Traffic shifts along Hamilton Lakes Drive are scheduled to begin next week for intersection reconstruction as part of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Tollway Project. A detour of the southbound lanes is also scheduled in May to complete the work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and times for the scheduled traffic shifts and detour. The closure is necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the reconstruction of the intersection. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Monday, April 10, on Hamilton Lakes Drive, northbound traffic between Thorndale Avenue and Park Boulevard will shift into the southbound lanes providing traffic with two northbound lanes and one southbound lane. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration until May.

Work on the intersection is scheduled to continue in May, with northbound traffic shifted back onto the new pavement and the southbound lanes scheduled to close to traffic for a month with a posted detour. The detour will direct southbound traffic to use Pierce Road, Ketter Drive, Arlington Heights Road, Bryn Mawr Avenue and Willow Street.



Thorndale Avenue traffic in this area is currently shifted onto separate, one-way frontage roads and the detour will affect how drivers access these frontage roads.

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

Construction information about the <u>Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project</u> is available in the <u>"Projects by</u> <u>Roadway"</u> section in the Explore Projects section on the Tollway's website at <u>illinoistollway.com</u>.

## 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:

- <u>Illinoistollway.com</u> Explore Projects section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI Daily lane closure information
- <u>travelmidwest.com</u> Real-time travel times
- <u>twitter.com</u> 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 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.