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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY EXPECTS NEARLY 6.2 MILLION VEHICLES ON ITS SYSTEM THIS EASTER-PASSOVER HOLIDAY

Drivers reminded to put away their hand-held devices while behind the wheel

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway expects nearly 6.2 million vehicles to travel the Tollway system this Easter/Passover weekend from Friday, April 14, to Monday, April 17. The heaviest travel is anticipated on Friday, April 14, when nearly 1.8 million vehicles are expected on the road. On an average day, about 1.6 million vehicles use the Tollway.

The Tollway is doing its part to make sure that customers enjoy safe, convenient travel by limiting construction activities to work that doesn't impact traffic and by providing helpful information on roadway services and safe driving tips.

[Need Help? Dial *999](#)

If your vehicle becomes disabled, call *999 for assistance. Illinois State Police District 15 patrols the 292-mile Tollway system 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and Tollway motorist aid patrols stand ready to help stranded customers change tires, jump-start batteries, add coolant, dispense fuel, transport customers, move vehicles away from traffic and call for a tow truck.

[Drop It and Drive](#)

April is Distracted Driving Month. Remember to Drop It and Drive because it is illegal to use a hand-held device when driving in Illinois. Some form of driver distraction involving a cellphone was responsible for more than 7,000 crashes in Illinois from 2011 to 2016. Forty-three of these crashes were fatal. Don't sacrifice your life or the lives of others for a phone call, text or tweet. Stop by any of the Safe Phone Zones sponsored by Geico located at Tollway oases to safely use your cellphone.

[Food, Fuel and Fun at Tollway Oases](#)

Drivers can rest and refuel at seven Tollway oases locations throughout the Tollway system and enjoy a variety of services and retail shops, restaurants and free Wi-Fi. In addition, now children can climb, slide and crawl around play areas at the O'Hare, Belvidere, Hinsdale and Chicago Southland Lincoln oases.

[Holiday Work Zones](#)

To accommodate increased Easter holiday travel on the Illinois Tollway, most construction activity will be restricted to better serve Tollway customers. Most temporary maintenance and construction lane closures will be suspended from noon on Friday, April 14, through 9 a.m. on Monday, April 17. Some work may continue behind barriers to keep work on schedule, but this work will not impact traffic. All work is weather dependent.

Areas where work zones will continue during the holiday include:

[Tri-State Tollway \(I-94/I-294/I-80\)](#)

- Between Ballard Road and Golf Road, traffic is shifted on northbound I-294.

Jane Adams Memorial Tollway (I-90)

- At Illinois Route 23, I-90 in both directions is reduced to two lanes.

Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)

- Between U.S. Route 30 in Rock Falls and Chicago Avenue (U.S. Route 52) near Dixon, eastbound traffic is reduced to one lane.
- At the Farnsworth Avenue Interchange, all ramps are open. However, all traffic on Farnsworth Avenue is currently shifted into the northbound lanes and shoulders on I-88 are closed.

Illinois Route 390 Tollway

- Work continues on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project with construction along Thorndale Avenue from I-290 to York Road and on the I-290 Interchange. Traffic is shifted onto frontage roads in both directions between I-290 and York Road.

Work Zone Safety

The Tollway encourages customers to slow down and pay attention in work zones. The speed limit in work zones is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even when workers are not present.

Work zone speed limits are in place to protect workers and drivers alike. Drivers should be prepared for sudden stops, changing traffic patterns, rough surfaces, uneven pavement and slower speeds when entering a work zone. Drivers also may encounter workers near the roadway and large construction equipment entering or leaving traffic lanes.

Tollway Travel Tips

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- 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 Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

Illinois State Police District 15 Out in Force

The Illinois State Police District 15 will be out in full force throughout the Illinois Tollway system during the holiday weekend. Special enforcement details focused on speeding, distracted driving, seatbelt use and alcohol-related violations will be the focus to help keep motorists safe.

Illinois State Police District 15 reminds motorists that the “Move Over Law” requires motorists to change lanes when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with emergency lights activated. If changing lanes is not safe or possible, motorists are required to slow down and proceed with caution when passing the emergency vehicle. This law also applies to any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

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

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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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