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MAINTENANCE WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH ON GRAND AVENUE INTERCHANGE ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94) IN GURNEE

Lane closures, traffic shifts needed for a month to complete ramp maintenance

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Short-term lane closures and traffic shifts are scheduled to begin May 1, for pavement maintenance on ramps at the Grand Avenue Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94). Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the shifts.

Weather permitting, on Monday, May 1, beginning at 5 a.m., the ramps connecting Grand Avenue to I-94 and westbound I-94 to eastbound Grand Avenue are scheduled to shift to allow for a work zone. In addition, single lane closures will be needed on the ramps carrying westbound I-94 to eastbound Grand Avenue and eastbound Grand Avenue to eastbound I-94. Off-peak lane closures may be required on I-94 as well. All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of May.

Work scheduled for 2017 is necessary to maintain and extend the life of the 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 [North Tri-State Tollway 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 Tri-State Tollway (I-94) 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.

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 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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