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**OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK
ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN MARENGO**

*Temporary full closures planned for bridge beam placement
as part of the Illinois Route 23 Bridge Project*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Intermittent, full roadway closures are scheduled next week on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) for bridge replacement work as part of the Illinois Route 23 Bridge Project in Marengo. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers.

The overnight closures are needed to accommodate the placement of bridge beams for the new Illinois Route 23 Bridge carrying traffic over I-90. Bridge beam placement will take place during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the work at Illinois Route 23.

Weather permitting, during the week of May 22, two nights of overnight work, including intermittent, full roadway closures on I-90, will be scheduled between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. for bridge beam placement. In addition, intermittent, full closures of Illinois Route 23 will also be needed.

On I-90, overnight work is scheduled to begin with the closure of two westbound lanes between Illinois Route 23 and Getty Road at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24. The Intermittent, full closures of westbound I-90, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, ahead of the morning rush hour.

On Thursday, May 25, beginning at 9 p.m. two eastbound lanes on I-90 between Harmony-Riley Road and Illinois Route 23 are scheduled to close. The Intermittent, full closures of eastbound I-90, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 6 a.m. on Friday, May 26, ahead of the morning rush hour.

The Illinois Tollway is removing the existing Illinois Route 23 Bridge built in the 1950s and replacing it with a new wider and longer bridge. The project will lengthen the Illinois Route 23 Bridge due to the new, wider I-90 roadway completed in 2014 and will widen the bridge to provide space for turn lanes to access future interchange ramps. In addition, portions of Illinois Route 23 at I-90 and Grossen Road at Illinois Route 23 will be rebuilt to accommodate the new bridge structure.

Illinois Route 23 traffic is currently shifted and reduced to a single lane on the bridge with signals controlling access for northbound and southbound traffic during removal and reconstruction of the east side of the bridge. The bridge will remain open to traffic throughout construction.

Reconstruction of the Illinois Route 23 Bridge is being coordinated with the City of Marengo, McHenry County, Riley Township and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local school districts and police and fire departments. Up to 3,100 vehicles use this portion of Illinois Route 23 daily.

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Construction information about the Illinois Route 23 Project is available under “Projects Overview” in the Explore Projects section on the Tollway’s website at illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that I-90, Illinois Route 23 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 speed limits are in effect in all work zones 24/7 and drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present. A 55 mph work zone speed limit is in effect for traffic on I-90 throughout construction. A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect for traffic on Illinois Route 23.

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 – Construction/Planning 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, \$14 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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