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NEW DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE SCHEDULED TO OPEN AT ELMHURST ROAD ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

New traffic pattern across bridge begins next week, ramps to open the following week

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Traffic on Elmhurst Road crossing over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) is scheduled to be shifted into the new diverging diamond configuration next week, in preparation for the full interchange to open the following week to provide drivers with a new full-access interchange. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the upcoming changes in traffic patterns.

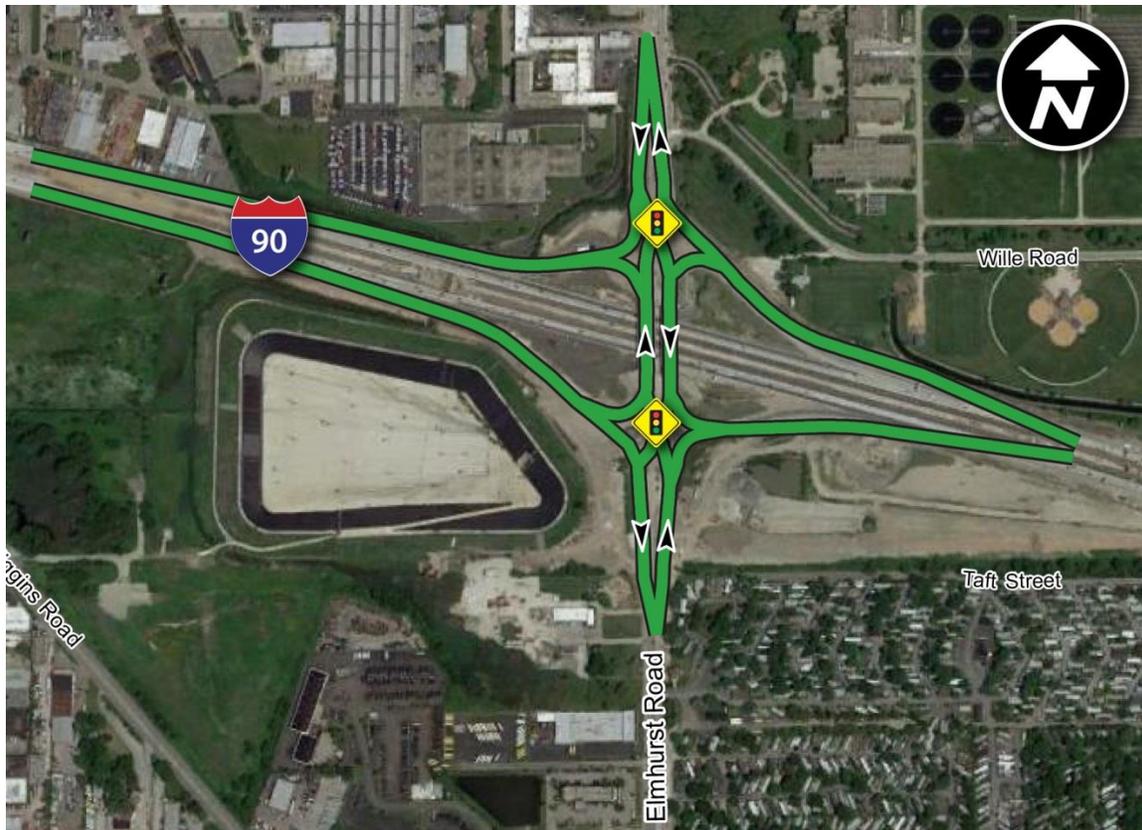
On Friday, June 16, after the morning rush hour, lane closures and traffic stops will be scheduled to direct traffic crossing I-90 on the Elmhurst Road Bridge into the new diverging diamond configuration with drivers traveling in both directions guided onto the opposite sides of the bridge through new signalized intersections. Once shifted into this final configuration, all ramps will remain closed with posted detours and Elmhurst Road traffic flow and new traffic signal timing will be monitored through the weekend.

On Monday, June 19, the two existing ramps carrying traffic to and from the east are scheduled to reopen, followed by opening of two new ramps carrying traffic to and from the west during the week of June 19.

When all ramps are open, the new diverging diamond interchange configuration will eliminate left turns in front of oncoming traffic, smooth traffic flow and reduce congestion. Right turns work the same as they do at conventional interchanges, and traffic is controlled by signals. In addition, the new interchange will feature a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists in the median of the northbound bridge.

The new ramps carrying traffic to and from the west will have cashless tolling with I-PASS or Pay Online lanes. Cars with I-PASS will pay 55 cents and the cash rate is \$1.10 for cars. For trucks tolls will range from \$1.70 to \$4.50 during daytime hours, with overnight discounts offered. Those without I-PASS can pay their tolls online at the cash rate within the seven-day grace period.

After the full interchange opens, remaining local road improvements include completion of work at the Oakton intersection this summer and reconstruction of Elmhurst Road pavement south of the interchange scheduled to be complete in late fall.



Work on the Elmhurst Road Interchange project is being coordinated with the Elk Grove Village, the City of Des Plaines, the Village of Mount Prospect, Cook County and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local police and fire departments.

The \$54 million Elmhurst Road Interchange Project is delivering a new diverging diamond interchange with new ramps providing full access in all directions between I-90 and Elmhurst Road. The project is funded by the Illinois Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program, also included construction of two new bridge structures to carry southbound and northbound Elmhurst Road traffic over I-90 with a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists in the median of the northbound bridge, as well as local road improvements.

Information about the [Elmhurst Road Interchange Project](#) 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 Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Elmhurst Road 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 30 mph work zone is in place in the construction zones on Elmhurst Road.

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 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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