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**RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND ON THE I-290 INTERCHANGE
AT THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) FOR BRIDGE WORK**

Ramp closure, detour needed for work on the I-294 bridge over Electric Avenue

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A temporary closure of the ramp connecting westbound I-290 to the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is scheduled next weekend for ongoing bridge work at Electric Avenue. A detour will be posted.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures and posted detours throughout the repair work. The closure is necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction. All work is weather dependent.

In 2017, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled maintenance and repairs on bridges and retaining walls at several locations along the central Tri-State Tollway (I-294), as well as roadway lighting, drainage and median work. This work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Weather permitting, on Friday, July 7, at 8 p.m. a weekend-long closure of the ramp carrying traffic from westbound I-290 to northbound I-294 is scheduled to begin and a detour will be posted. The detour will direct traffic to continue on westbound I-290 to the Lake Street exit where traffic will be routed through the interchange onto northbound I-294.

In addition, single lane closures in each direction on I-294 at the ramp are also scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 7.

The ramp and all lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, July 10 in advance of the morning rush hour.



The ramp closure is needed to complete bridge joint reconstruction along the center lanes of the northbound I-294 bridge deck over Electric Avenue, as well as bridge pier work.

Traffic in both directions on I-294 at Electric Avenue is currently shifted to provide a work zone for the ongoing repairs. The repairs at this location are expected to be complete this summer.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, along with local municipalities and police and fire departments.

Maintenance and repair work on the Tri-State Tollway is necessary to extend the life of the bridge and retaining wall structures and enable the Tollway to provide safe and convenient travel for customers. The work is part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Construction information about the [Central Tri-State Tollway Bridge and Retaining Wall Repair 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 Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) 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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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, \$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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