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TEMPORARY OVERNIGHT CLOSURES, DETOUR SCHEDULED THIS WEEK ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY

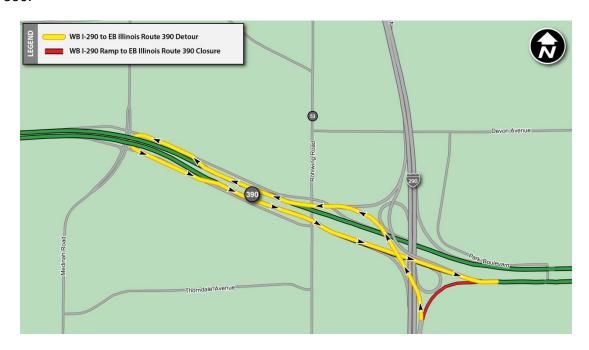
Lane and ramp closures needed for roadway signage work in Itasca

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight roadway and ramp closures with posted detours are scheduled this week on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway for overhead sign work as part of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project. Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance to closures and detours.

Construction is scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate construction.

Weather permitting, on Tuesday, August 22, beginning at 8 p.m., one eastbound lane on Illinois Route 390 is scheduled to close between Plum Grove Road and Rohlwing Road, for over-the-road signage work. A second lane is scheduled to close at 10 p.m. Intermittent, full closures of all eastbound lanes, each lasting no longer than 15 minutes, will be scheduled to begin at 1 a.m.

In addition, the ramp carrying westbound I-290 traffic to eastbound Illinois Route 390 is scheduled to close at 1 a.m. A posted detour will direct traffic exiting from westbound I-290 onto westbound Illinois Route 390 and then to the Meacham Road/Rohlwing Road Interchange to reach eastbound Illinois Route 390.



All lanes and ramps are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, before the morning commute.

If the work cannot be completed during this time, closures will be scheduled for the same times overnight Wednesday, August 23, and Thursday, August 24.

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating the roadway construction and detour with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Itasca and DuPage County, as well as local townships, villages and police and fire departments.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 Tollway 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. A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect for traffic using the frontage roads throughout construction. Work zone speed limits are in place on other roads in the project area as well.

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:

- <u>Illinoistollway.com</u> 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
- <u>twitter.com</u> Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

Illinois Route 390 Project

The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017 is providing an improved roadway from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to I-290 and extending Illinois Route 390 east to Illinois Route 83 along the current Thorndale Avenue with bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. The new Illinois Route 390 from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to Illinois Route 83, including a new interchange at I-290, is estimated at \$780 million. In 2016, the Illinois Tollway opened the western segment of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and I-290. These improvements are part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, which is included in the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future.*

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.