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TRAFFIC SHIFT AND DETOUR SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK AT I-290 FOR ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY PROJECT

*Detour will be needed to complete work on ramps connecting I-290
at Illinois Route 390 and the frontage road system*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Traffic traveling from eastbound I-290 onto eastbound Illinois Route 390 is scheduled to temporarily shift for two weeks for ramp work, restricting access to local roads between I-290 and Prospect Avenue for eastbound traffic. A detour will be put in place to reroute local road traffic.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detour. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the construction of the I-290 Interchange. All work is weather dependent.

On Tuesday, September 5, traffic exiting eastbound I-290 to eastbound Illinois Route 390 will be directed onto the new Illinois Route 390 roadway to provide a work zone for completion of the ramps connecting eastbound I-290 to eastbound Illinois Route 390 and to the frontage road system.

As a result of the temporary traffic shift, traffic exiting eastbound I-290 will be unable to directly access local roads in this area, including Park Boulevard, Hamilton Lakes Drive, Clover Ridge Lane and Arlington Heights Road. Drivers will be detoured to Prospect Avenue and then redirected onto the westbound frontage road to access local roads.

Westbound traffic and local traffic on the eastbound frontage road will not be affected by this traffic shift.



Work on the new I-290 Interchange and detour is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and the village of Itasca, along with local police and fire departments.

I-290 Interchange Project

The Illinois Tollway is completely rebuilding the I-290 Interchange at the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway. The I-290 Interchange Project is estimated at \$440 million and includes 17 ramps and 15 new bridges in the interchange area between Meacham/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue and is providing direct access with a new fly-over ramp and free-flow traffic movements to and from Illinois Route 390 in all directions. The I-290 Interchange Project also included construction of a new Rohlwing Road Bridge and access improvements along Illinois Route 390 between Meacham Road/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue.

The new I-290 Interchange Project is scheduled to be complete this year along with the new eastern section of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway scheduled to open November 1. Construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway is included in the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Moving the Future*.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that I-290, 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 55 mph speed limit is in effect 24/7 on I-290. A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect for traffic using Illinois Route 390 and 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:

- 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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