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OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK ON THE REAGAN MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-88) AT I-290 FOR PAVEMENT WORK

Lane reductions needed as part of ongoing systemwide pavement repair project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Traffic on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) and York Road will be reduced to one lane in both directions overnight next week as part of an ongoing pavement repair project.

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

Weather permitting, the week of October 9, several nights of lane reductions in both directions on I-88 will be needed to repair and seal pavement between I-290 and York Road.

On eastbound I-88, work will begin with a single lane closure at 7 p.m. each night, followed by a second lane closure at 8 p.m. All eastbound lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. the following morning, ahead of the morning rush hour.

On westbound I-88, work will begin with a single lane closure at 8 p.m. each night, followed by a second lane closure at 11 p.m. All westbound lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. the following morning, ahead of the morning rush hour.

Additional work and closures will be required later in the month of October for raised pavement marker work.

In 2017, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway pavement repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88). This work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

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

Roadway repair work on the Reagan Memorial Tollway is necessary to extend the life of the roadway 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*.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) remains 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.

The Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the “Move Over Law” requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

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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