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OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON THE EDENS SPUR (I-94) FOR ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Beginning the week of October 23, nightly lane closures are scheduled to begin on the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) between the Edens Expressway and Pfingsten Road and continue into November for pavement repairs and maintenance.

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, beginning the week of October 23, overnight lane closures will be scheduled in both directions on the Edens Spur between the Edens Expressway and Pfingsten Road for roadway repairs and pavement sealing. The lane closures are expected to continue nightly for about three weeks.

On the eastbound Edens Spur, Sunday through Wednesday lane closures are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and Thursday lane closures are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., with all lanes scheduled to reopen by 6 a.m. the following morning. Friday lane closures are scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. with all lanes reopening by 9 a.m. the following morning, and Saturday lanes closures are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. with all lanes reopening by 10 a.m. the follow morning.

On the westbound Edens Spur, lane closures are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 10 p.m. on Saturday. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 6 a.m. the following morning. There will no work on Sunday nights.

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

In 2017, the Illinois Tollway has scheduled roadway maintenance throughout the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80), including the Edens Spur. The repair work 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 Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) 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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