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FAMILIES INVITED TO TRICK, TROT & ROLL ON OCTOBER 28 TO CELEBRATE THE NEW ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY

Family festival with trick-or-treating planned alongside a 5K Run Run/Walk and an open bike/skate

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Face painting, tree giveaways, high school marching bands, photo booths, food trucks and trick-or-treating are all part of the Illinois Tollway's Illinois Route 390 Trick, Trot & Roll celebration on Saturday, October 28, 2017, marking the opening of the eastern segment of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

"The festival gives us an opportunity to highlight our many community partners along the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway while offering local residents a one-time opportunity to check out the new roadway before it opens to traffic on November 1," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. "This is a day for residents, business owners and our community partners to celebrate the completion of this next milestone in the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project, a milestone that will deliver economic development opportunities and lead to western access to O'Hare International Airport region."

The Illinois Tollway's Trick, Trot & Roll 390 celebration's festival is designed to create a family-friendly environment to experience the road before it opens to traffic in a unique way. Everyone is invited to attend in costume to kick off the Halloween weekend.

The festival is a combination of 17 communities, local family businesses and project-related partners. From face painting, to carnival games, selfie stations and sand art, this free fun festival will keep attendees engaged from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Six food trucks will also be onsite to sell a variety of cuisines for festival attendees including Beaver's Coffee + Donuts, Jim's BBQ Sandwiches, Piko Street Kitchen, Bruges Brothers, Kate & Jan Hotdogs and Cupcakes for Courage.

More than 200 construction firms worked on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project. Among the partners participating in the festival, Plote Construction Inc. will have Plinko games and the U.S. Minority Contractors Association will actively engage kids in educational Halloween Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-related activities. In additional to the festival, a Touch-a-Truck area will bring together Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police and other construction-related partners' vehicles for a unique experience.

A number of communities along the new roadway are providing fun, family activities for the festival. Bensenville and Wood Dale will give festival goers the chance to remember the event offering a selfie station and a photo booth, respectively. Wood Dale is also bringing K9 Bane for a meet and greet with attendees. Meanwhile, Mount Prospect will have a city planning map game for some educational fun. In addition, face painting will be provided by Hanover Park and Itasca for Halloween.

Local businesses are bringing a variety of activities including Lego fun with Bricks 4 Kidz and sand art activities with Chicago Fun, as well as Halloween nail painting and princess appearances with My Party Princess and a bucket toss game with Topgolf. For the adults, Chiro One Wellness Center will be

providing chair massages and the Sandy Maple Seed Project will be giving away more than 10,000 seedlings to festival participants.

The festival will take place alongside a 5K Fun Run/Walk and an open bike/skate. The 3.1 mile closed course will take place on the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway. To register in advance for the Fun Run/Walk go to the Tollway's <u>event website</u> or <u>Facebook</u> and day-of registration will start onsite at 7:30 a.m.

After the 5K Fun Run/Walk, the Tollway will welcome bicyclists, skaters and others on wheels to enjoy the road. The westbound lanes will be cleared of all run/walkers starting at 11 a.m. to pave the way for bicyclists and skaters to cruise this new roadway. Registration is free and available on the Tollway's event website.

All event parking is located along the eastbound lanes of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway. Shuttle buses will transport the public from the designated parking area on the Tollway to the festival drop-off. Enter event parking from eastbound Thorndale Avenue at the Wood Dale Road entrance. Parking will open at 7 a.m.

Illinois Route 390 Tollway Trick, Trot & Roll Event Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 9 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 9:30 a.m. Trick Festival begins including food trucks and trick-or-treating
- 9:30 a.m. Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk begins
- 11:30 a.m. Roll Open bike/skate begins
- 1 p.m. Event ends

Illinois Route 390 Project

The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete on November 1, 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 with bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway will be complete 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 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 294 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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