



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED THIS WEEK
ON I-290 FOR ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY PROJECT**

Lane and ramp closure with detour needed for roadway signage work in advance of new Tollway opening

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight roadway and ramp closures with posted detours are scheduled this week on I-290 for overhead sign work to prepare for the opening of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway on November 1.

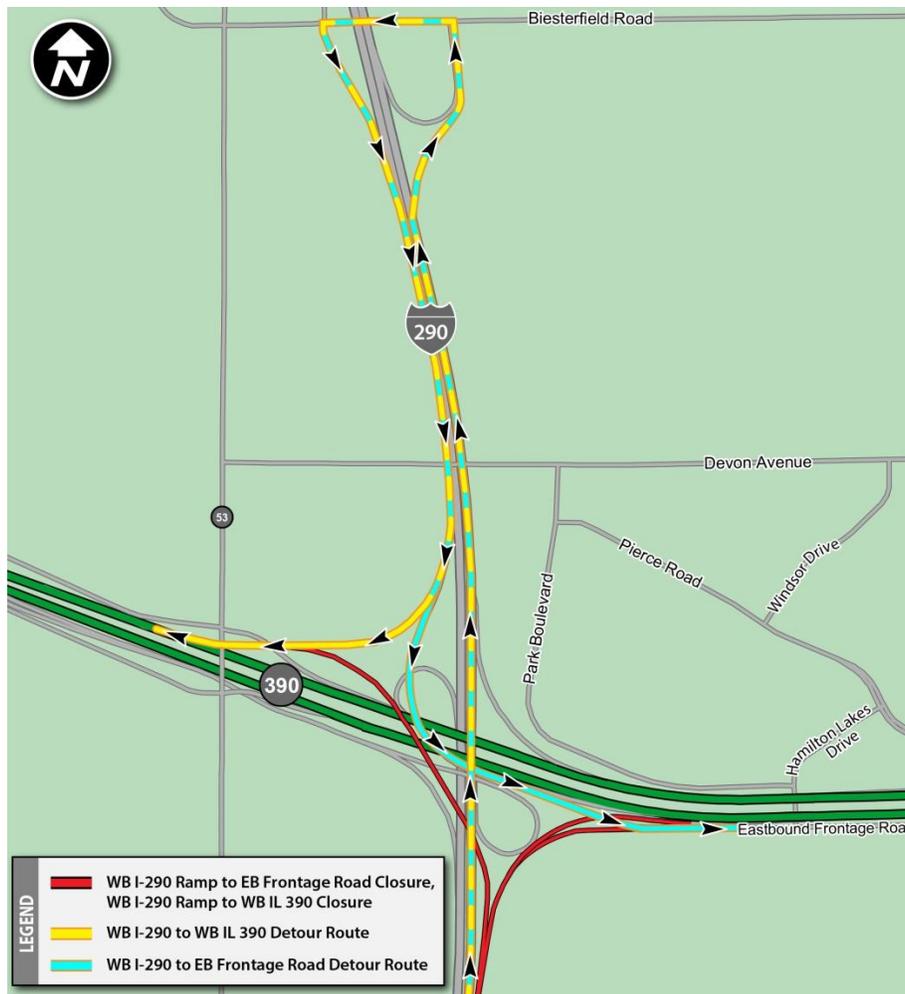
Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detour. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate removal and installation of new roadway signage. All work is weather dependent.

On Wednesday, October 25, at 9 p.m., one westbound lane on I-290 between Mill Road and Bloomingdale Road and one northbound lane on I-355 between Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road are scheduled to close. At 11 p.m., two additional lanes on westbound I-290 between Bloomingdale Road and Illinois Route 390 are scheduled to close.

In addition, the ramps carrying westbound I-290 traffic to westbound Illinois Route 390 and to Thorndale Avenue are scheduled to close at 1 a.m. on Thursday, October 26. A posted detour will direct traffic to Biesterfield Road where vehicles will be routed through the interchange and back onto eastbound I-290 to reach Illinois Route 390 and the Frontage Road.

All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, ahead of rush hour traffic.

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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 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.

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.

Illinois Route 390 Tollway

The Illinois Route 390 Tollway is the first all-electronic roadway on the Illinois Tollway system constructed as part of the *Move Illinois* capital program. Cashless tolling is currently in place on the

Illinois Route 390 Tollway from Lake Street to I-290. Cashless tolling means no coin baskets or toll booths along the roadway – cash is not accepted.

Beginning November 1, tolling will begin on the new eastern portion of the Tollway between I-290 and Illinois Route 83, including tolling in both directions on Illinois Route 390 at the Hamilton Lakes Toll Plaza, the Mittel Drive Toll Plaza and the Lively Boulevard and also for the westbound entrance ramp from Ketter Drive.

At Lively Boulevard, Mittel Drive and Ketter ramp toll plazas, cars with I-PASS will pay 20 cents and trucks tolls will range from 40 cents to \$1.05 during daytime hours, with overnight discounts offered. Cars with I-PASS will pay 25 cents and truck tolls will range from 50 cents to \$1.35 during daytime hours, with overnight discounts offered. Those without I-PASS can pay their tolls online at the cash rate, which is double the I-PASS rate, within the seven-day grace period.

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 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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