



*Move Illinois:  
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY DELIVERS THE NEW ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY**

*Completion of the \$780 million project paves the way  
for western access to O'Hare International Airport*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway gathered with state, county and local officials to mark the completion of the \$780 million Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project today providing new access for drivers and economic opportunity for communities from Lake Street to Illinois Route 83 and paving the way for a new connection to O'Hare International Airport as part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.

"This new Tollway will bring tremendous benefits to our regional transportation system, reducing congestion and improving the quality of life for people throughout the area," Governor Bruce Rauner said. "The coordination between state, county and local governments is an unparalleled investment in our roads and builds a foundation for business and job growth."

"Today is a great day for the Illinois Tollway and more importantly for the drivers and businesses that rely on our regional transportation network," said Illinois Tollway Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. "In cooperation with county and local leaders, we are committed to working with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Department of Aviation to continue moving forward to complete the full project and deliver western access for all. Together, we can unlock the full potential of two of the greatest economic engines in the region revving as one."

Completion of the four-year Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project delivers 10 miles of highway speed roadway with six new or improved interchanges, including a new free-flow I-290 Interchange, 27 complementary local road improvements and more than 13 lane miles of frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. The new Tollway is expected to reduce travel time by more than 7 minutes for the trip between the western side of O'Hare Airport and Lake Street – a savings of 25 percent.

"This roadway will enable the communities west of O'Hare Airport to have the same economic opportunities communities east of the airport have long enjoyed," said Hanover Park Village President Rodney Craig. "This brings our region to a whole new level of economic development, job creation, connectivity and access."

The Illinois Route 390 Tollway, when coupled with the new I-490 Interchange and I-490 Tollway scheduled to be complete by the end of 2025, will connect communities with one of the nation's busiest airports, transit facilities and major freight transportation facilities, distribution centers and multiple interstate highways including the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

"The opening of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway marks an important step forward in creating a western point of access to O'Hare International Airport to better serve our travelers as well as the region," said Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Ginger S. Evans. "As the City of Chicago takes major steps forward in modernizing O'Hare for the future, creating this additional point of

access to O'Hare is absolutely critical to our goals of increasing efficiency as well as connectivity as the airport continues growth."

"The Illinois Route 390 Tollway is a gateway to our DuPage communities that border the airport. This new highway will bring significant accessibility, sparking growth and fostering opportunity in all of them," said DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin. We are already seeing increasing economic opportunity including 6,200 new jobs created directly due to the construction of Illinois Route 390 from Lake Street to Route 83. We believe this is an essential first step in a process to achieve the benefits of true western access to O'Hare for the residents in our region."

Considered a Project of National and Regional Significance by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the benefits of the \$3.4 billion project include:

- Serving an estimated 120,000 vehicles per day.
- Accommodating three times as many vehicles per day as local roads carry now, including decreasing traffic on local roads by more than 16 percent during rush hour and reducing delays on local roads by 24 percent.
- Saving drivers more than \$145 million in time and fuel costs annually.
- Supporting economic development opportunity for 127 square miles west of O'Hare Airport.
- Creating as many as 65,000 new direct and indirect jobs in project area when combined with improvements at O'Hare Airport.

The Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project involved more than 228 firms with nearly 215 firms identified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned, and veteran-owned business enterprise firms. Work on the Tollway has created or sustained more than 6,200 jobs.

Reconstruction and repair work on the western segment of Illinois Route 390 began in 2014, was completed in 2015 and tolling on this segment from I-290 west to Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) began July 5, 2016. Construction of the new eastern segment of Illinois Route 390 from I-290 east to Illinois Route 83 began in 2015 and was completed in 2017.

Construction of the new Tollway included nearly 190,000 cubic yards of concrete, and 263,000 tons of asphalt to construct new pavement. More than 3.6 million cubic yards of earth were moved as part of this project.

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*.

Opening in its entirety to traffic at noon on November 1, 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 in place at six mainline toll plazas on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway from Lake Street to Illinois Route 83 and one ramp from Ketter Drive to westbound I-290.

Mainline toll collection gantries are located closer together, based on the high number of entry and exit points located within close proximity of one another. This allows for greater sensitivity for shorter trips and helps local communities provide congestion relief on adjacent roads.

Cashless tolling means no coin baskets or toll booths along the roadway – cash is not accepted. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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