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WORK SCHEDULED AT THE O’HARE TOLL PLAZAS ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Construction begins with daily, off-peak lane closures for electrical work and toll plaza improvements

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Work to complete toll plaza improvements at the O’Hare Toll Plazas on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is scheduled to continue next week. Daily lane closures during off-peak hours are needed to begin work at the O’Hare East Toll Plaza (Plaza 32) and to complete the work at the O’Hare West Toll Plaza (Plaza 31).

Drivers will continue to have access to I-PASS or Pay Online lanes and automatic coin machine lanes at both toll plazas throughout construction, and all work is scheduled to be complete by summer. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to lane closures.

O’Hare East Toll Plaza (Plaza 32)

Beginning the week of March 23, construction at the O’Hare East Toll Plaza located on the ramp carrying traffic from northbound I-294 to River Road and I-190, will begin with daily, off-peak lane closures scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for electrical work. Only one lane will be closed at a time for this work.

In April, work at the O’Hare East Toll Plaza will require extended single lane closures for pavement reconstruction and work. The I-PASS or Pay Online and automatic coin machine lanes will remain open during construction.

Work scheduled at the O’Hare East Toll Plaza includes pavement repairs for the two outside lanes and pavement reconstruction for the two inside lanes. In addition, toll equipment and electrical improvements are scheduled, as well as drainage improvements at all four toll collection lanes. All work is scheduled to be complete this summer.

O’Hare West Toll Plaza (Plaza 31)

During the week of March 23, daily, off-peak lane closures will resume from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the O’Hare West Toll Plaza located on the ramp carrying traffic from southbound I-294 and the eastbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) to I-190. Only one lane will be closed at a time.

The single lane closures are needed to complete electrical work and toll equipment improvements at the O’Hare West Toll Plaza. The majority of the work, including pavement repairs, was completed in 2014. This work will be done during off-peak hours to minimize the impact on traffic and is scheduled to be completed by the end of April.

Work Zone 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. Drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times.
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 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

**Illinois Tollway Keeps Drivers Informed**
The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure and travel information
- [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com) – Real-time travel times
- [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

**About Move Illinois**
The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, $12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O’Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Project, Illiana Expressway and other emerging projects.

**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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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