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INSTALLATION OF TOLLING GANTRIES ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK FOR WESTERN SEGMENT
No tolls to be collected until summer of 2016 following completion of first phase of new roadway

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Installation of the first all-electronic tolling gantries as part of the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project is scheduled to start next week with overnight lane closures on Illinois Route 390. Work to build the first three toll collection points is scheduled for 2015 in coordination with the completion of the first segment of the new roadway this year.

Work scheduled to begin next week and be complete this summer includes installation of tolling gantries in each direction at each of the three locations on Illinois Route 390: west of Meacham Road/Medinah Road, west of Roselle Road and west of Gary Avenue.

Installation of four toll collection points east of I-290 will be complete by the end of 2017 and toll collection is expected to begin on the eastern segment of Illinois Route 390 by the end of 2017.

The over-the-road steel tolling gantries are being installed now to accommodate testing and ensure that toll collection can begin within the first segment from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to I-290 in summer of 2016. Installation of the toll collection equipment is anticipated to begin as early as this summer and a sign stating “No Tolls Taken” will be posted on the tolling gantries until the toll collection begins.

Weather permitting, installation of the first tolling gantries between Roselle Road and Meacham Road/Medinah Road is scheduled the week of June 1. Beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, one eastbound lane on Illinois Route 390 will close between Roselle Road and Meacham Road/Medinah Road followed by intermittent, full closures of all eastbound lanes lasting no longer than 15 minutes each, between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, ahead of the morning rush hour. Similar closures are scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, June 3, to complete installation of the first tolling gantries over the eastbound lanes, with all lanes reopening by 5 a.m. on Thursday, June 4.

Work to install the first tolling gantries over the westbound lanes is scheduled to start Thursday, June 4. Beginning at 9 p.m., one westbound lane on Illinois Route 390 will close between Roselle Road and Meacham Road/Medinah Road followed by intermittent, full closures of all westbound lanes lasting no longer than 15 minutes each, between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m., on Friday, June 5, ahead of the morning rush hour. Similar closures are scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 5, to complete installation of the first tolling gantries over the westbound lanes, with all lanes reopening by 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 6.

Illinois Route 390 will be the first all-electronic roadway to open on the Illinois Tollway system. A recent survey indicated that 90 percent of drivers currently traveling in project area have I-PASS.

Altogether, all-electronic tolling gantries will be installed at six locations along Illinois Route 390 and on the Ketter Drive entrance ramp. Toll collection points located closer together will reduce the cost of

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shorter trips and ensure that the rate paid for shorter trips is as fair and equitable as the rate paid by the driver traveling the entire length of the roadway.

Tolls for passenger vehicles will be 20 cents per mile for the 10-mile trip and range from 20 cents to 60 cents per transaction for I-PASS customers. The ramp toll at the Ketter Drive entrance to westbound Illinois Tollway will be 20 cents for I-PASS customers.

Passenger vehicles traveling the full length of Illinois Route 390 will pay $1.90, similar to the I-PASS toll paid to travel on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) south extension between I-55 and I-80.

**Illinois Route 390 Project**

The first phase of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Project includes building the new Illinois Route 390. The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by 2017 is improving the existing portion of Illinois Route 390, formerly known as the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to I-290 and extending Illinois Route 390 east to Illinois Route 83 along the current Thorndale Avenue with bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic.

The new Illinois Route 390 from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to Illinois Route 83, including a new interchange at I-290, is estimated at $780 million.

In 2015, the Illinois Tollway will complete improvements to the western segment of Illinois Route 390 between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and Rohlwing Road. In addition, construction will begin to build the eastern segment of the new roadway from I-290 to Illinois Route 83 and work will continue to build new bridges to carry Illinois Route 390 traffic over Salt Creek, Mittel Boulevard and Lively Boulevard.

The project also includes constructing Illinois Route 390 east to Illinois Route 83, including construction of bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. In addition, local interchange improvements, construction of new frontage roads, local roadway improvements and noisewalls will be built to accommodate the new Illinois Route 390. The new roadway between Rohlwing Road and Illinois Route 83 is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

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, $12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future.*

**Getting Tollway Construction Information**

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- [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 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 the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project**

Considered a Project of National and Regional Significance by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the $3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project represents a fiscally responsible approach to address the area’s diverse travel needs – improving travel efficiency, providing western access to O'Hare International Airport, creating opportunities for jobs and economic development, enhancing multi-modal connections and reducing congestion. The project includes 17 miles of new roads with 15 new or improved interchanges as part of a new, all-electronic toll road that includes rehabilitating and widening Illinois Route 390, formerly known as the Elgin O’Hare Expressway, and extending it east
along Thorndale Avenue to O'Hare and building a new roadway around the western border of O'Hare linking the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Broadly supported by local governments, the project is the result of bipartisan consensus reached by the Elgin O'Hare Advisory Council in 2011, which brought together local communities, business, labor, public finance and regional planning and transportation experts.

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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