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LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEKEND FOR NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94) ROADWAY REPAIRS

Repair work scheduled March through May; begins between Russell Road and Grand Avenue

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane closures are scheduled to begin this weekend for roadway repair on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Russell Road and Grand Avenue.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers in advance to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway has repair work scheduled throughout the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Russell Road and Half Day Road. Work will include roadway improvements and pavement patching, as well as lighting and drainage work and shoulder repairs.

The repair work on I-94 will begin with roadway repairs scheduled for March through May, which will require weekday and weekend closures for placement and curing of concrete roadway patches. All work is weather dependent.

On Friday, March 9, beginning 3 p.m., two eastbound lanes on I-94 between Russell Road and Grand Avenue are scheduled to close, including two eastbound open road tolling lanes through the Waukegan Toll Plaza. In addition, at 7 p.m., two westbound lanes also are scheduled to close, including one westbound open road tolling lane at the toll plaza. Lane reductions will remain in place in both directions through the weekend.

On Monday, March 12, one lane in both directions is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. and a single lane closure in both directions is scheduled to remain in place for weekday traffic over the next two weeks. Additional weekend lane closures will be put in place again beginning Friday, March 16, with two lanes in both directions, including open road tolling lanes through the Waukegan Toll Plaza, closed again throughout the weekend.

The extended lane closures are needed to provide a work zone. In addition to providing a safe work zone for construction workers and drivers, the extended closure of the lanes will allow repair work to be complete in half the time.

Once roadway repairs are complete between Russell Road and Grand Avenue, additional pavement work between Grand Avenue and Half Day is scheduled to begin and continue with lane closures through Memorial Day.

The Illinois Tollway's repair work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Lake County, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments. Up to 160,000 vehicles use segments of this roadway daily.

These roadway repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

A 55 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect in areas with construction on I-94. Work 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.

In addition, 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 or failure to comply with the Move Over Law.

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. Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

Visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at illinoistollway.com.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

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

- illinoistollway.com – Explore Projects section, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- Travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times.
- Twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

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.