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OVERNIGHT CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) FOR ST. CHARLES ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

*Temporary lane closures and full stops needed to safely accommodate
bridge beam placement at St. Charles Road Bridge*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight lane closures are scheduled next week on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Electric Avenue and Wolf Road for bridge beam placement at the St. Charles Road Bridge over I-294 as part of the Illinois Tollway's work to improve the I-290/I-88 Interchange at I-294, which is part of the Central Tri-State Project

Up to five nights of lane closures will be needed on northbound I-294 between Electric Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad and southbound I-294 between St. Charles Road and Wolf Road.

Beginning Sunday, July 18, at 7 p.m. on I-294 one northbound lane between Electric Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad and one southbound lane between St. Charles Road and Wolf Road are scheduled to close. A second northbound lane is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. and a second southbound lane is scheduled to close at 10 p.m., followed by closures of a third northbound lane at midnight and a third southbound lane at 1 a.m. Intermittent, full closures of northbound I-294, each lasting 15 minutes, are scheduled to begin at 12:30 a.m. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 6 a.m. on Monday, July 19.

Similar overnight closures will continue during the week of July 19 with up to five nights of lane closures anticipated to complete bridge beam installation. This work is scheduled during overnight hours to provide a safe work zone and reduce the disruption to daily drivers.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight lane closures. Up-to-date closure information will be available on the Illinois Tollway's [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

In 2021 and 2022, the Illinois Tollway will be reconstructing the St. Charles Road Interchange at I-290. This work includes removing and replacing the St. Charles Road Bridge over I-294 and repairing and replacing the bridge deck on the bridge over I-290. In addition, the four interchange ramps on the east side of I-290 will be reconstructed and a portion of westbound I-290 will be widened. Additional work includes retaining wall construction, drainage improvements and roadway lighting improvements.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Village of Berkeley, City of Elmhurst and City of Northlake, as well as local fire and police departments.

The Illinois Tollway's Central Tri-State Tollway Project includes the reconstruction of the interchange ramps connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and I-290, to reduce congestion, improve safety and address operational issues as well as infrastructure conditions.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet

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current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily.

Information including maps, construction updates and a Virtual Open House is available on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com in the Projects section.

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. On I-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. On St. Charles Road, a 30 mph work zone speed limit is in effect.

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 \$250 with up to a \$25,000 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.

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 nine 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 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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