



# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 18, 2018

## WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR PAVEMENT WORK ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN DES PLAINES

Closures needed for warranty repair work on the east end of I-90

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** Weekend lane closures, with traffic reduced to a single lane beginning overnight Friday, April 20, are scheduled on the westbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Lee Street and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Des Plaines for warranty pavement repair.

Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the lane closures. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate repair work and allow the new concrete to cure.

Weather permitting, weekend lane closures will be scheduled to begin overnight Friday, April 20, and continue as needed into Monday, April 23. Traffic will be reduced to a single westbound lane by midnight on Friday, April 30. At 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, one lane will reopen and traffic will be limited to two lanes for the rest of the weekend.

All open road tolling lanes at the Devon Toll Plaza will be closed and traffic will be routed through the cash toll plaza. I-PASS is accepted in all lanes at the cash plaza.

In addition, one lane on the ramp carrying traffic from northbound I-294 to westbound I-90 will close at midnight on Friday, April 20. The lane will remain closed until repairs are complete.

Similar closures will be scheduled for the weekend of April 27 to complete warranty pavement repair work.

Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the <u>Daily Construction Alert</u>.

#### **Work Zone Safety**

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway 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-90, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect for the repair work.

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.

### **Getting Tollway Construction Information**

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

- <u>Illinoistollway.com</u> 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.
- <u>Twitter.com</u> Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

## **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.