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**LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON ROOSEVELT ROAD TO PREPARE
FOR CENTRAL TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) BRIDGE REPAIRS**

Daytime closures scheduled to begin this week

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Daily lane closures will be needed on Roosevelt Road under the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Hillside beginning Friday, April 20, to prepare for bridge repair work beginning in May.

Construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures. The closures are necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction and traffic.

Two days of lane reductions on Roosevelt Road are scheduled for Friday, April 20, and Monday, April 23, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. to prepare for the I-294 bridge repairs. All work is weather dependent.

Once the advance work is complete, nightly lane closures on I-294 will be scheduled reducing traffic to two lanes in both directions for the mainline bridge repair work. Construction will take place during nighttime hours to reduce the impact on daily commuters with lane closures scheduled generally from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on weeknights, 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Fridays into Saturdays and 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sundays into Mondays. Work is scheduled to be complete this fall.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway is working on I-294 bridges at eight locations including 87th Street, Roberts Road, I-55, Wolf Road in Indian Head Park, Joliet Road, Flagg Creek, Salt Creek and Roosevelt Road. Work at all locations includes bridge deck and approach slab patching and bridge joint repairs.

The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and local fire and police departments.

Repair work on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is necessary to maintain and extend the life of the roadway and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps, construction and detour information about the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) repairs is available on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com via the Interactive Tollway Map and under "Projects Overview" in the Explore Projects section.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and local roads remain 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-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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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.

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.

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