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**RAMP REPAIR WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK
ON THE NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94)**

Pavement and shoulder repairs scheduled, ramps will remain open during work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Ramp pavement and shoulder repair work on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) is scheduled to begin next week with repairs to ramps at the Grand Avenue and Buckley Road Interchanges.

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

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway is repairing ramps at five locations on the North Tri-State Tollway, including Half Day Road, Town Line Road, Rockland Road, Buckley Road and Grand Avenue. Work includes pavement patching and shoulder repairs, including work through the ramp toll plaza lanes. Work at the Grand Avenue location encompasses warranty pavement work.

Weather permitting, on Monday, August 13, traffic will be shifted on the ramps carrying I-94 traffic to westbound Grand Avenue to create a workzone starting at 9 a.m. In addition, traffic is also scheduled to shift on the ramps carrying I-94 traffic to Buckley Road and Buckley Road to westbound I-94.

Once work is completed at these locations, similar closures will begin at the other locations.

All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

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.

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

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the ramps 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 the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

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.

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 six years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning for 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 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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