



*Move Illinois:  
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY RECEIVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ILLINOIS AWARD  
FOR DELIVERY OF NEW ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY**

*Edie Award recognizes new roadway for bringing jobs, growth and prosperity to Illinois communities*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway is receiving an Economic Development in Illinois Award today, September 20, crediting the Illinois Tollway’s investment with delivery of new business and job growth in the region.

“The opening of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway has created significant opportunities for economic development throughout the western suburbs and beyond,” said Illinois Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer Todd Maisch. “The Illinois Chamber of Commerce congratulates the Illinois Tollway and thanks the agency for its continued investments in transportation infrastructure throughout Northern Illinois.”

[The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Economic Development in Illinois Awards](#) – the Edies – honor outstanding economic development projects completed in 2017 that bring jobs, growth and prosperity to Illinois communities. The Illinois Chamber of Commerce Edie Awards are supported by the Illinois Economic Development Association and sponsored by Nicor Gas.

“The Illinois Route 390 Tollway is unlocking unlimited potential for communities,” said Illinois Tollway Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. “This new roadway has created new access and is already providing reliable travel leading to the success stories taking shape as firms make significant investments in the area.”

The Illinois Route 390 Tollway was nominated for an Edie Award by [the GOA Regional Business Association](#). The GOA serves a broad range of businesses from more than 80 communities in the area surrounding O’Hare. The organization is focused on promoting growth by providing opportunities and creating alliances in the business community.

“Since the Illinois Route 390 Tollway opened in 2017, GOA members and partner communities have realized significant new mobility benefits that have stimulated economic development and new job growth opportunities throughout the area,” said GOA President and Chief Executive Officer Shirlanne Lemm. “The Illinois Route 390 Tollway is an important infrastructure improvement that helps existing businesses thrive and attracts new businesses, especially freight and manufacturing firms, to our region.”

The Illinois Tollway’s \$780 million investment in the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway delivered 10 miles of highway speed roadway from Hanover Park to Wood Dale with six new or improved interchanges, including a new free-flow I-290 Interchange, along with complementary improvements to accommodate local traffic. The new roadway is expected to reduce travel time by more than 7 minutes for the trip between the western side of O’Hare Airport and Lake Street – a savings of 25 percent.

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The Illinois Route 390 Tollway not only provides new access for drivers and economic opportunities for communities from Lake Street to Illinois Route 83, it also paves the way for a new connection to O'Hare in conjunction with the new I-490 Tollway Project. These improvements are part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

**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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