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OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED ON THE NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94) IN LAKE COUNTY AS PART OF BRADLEY ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Temporary, full closures planned for bridge beam placement as part of roadway improvement project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Four nights of temporary, overnight lane closures are scheduled to begin this weekend on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) for reconstruction of the Bradley Road Bridge in Lake County.

Weather permitting, bridge beam placement will be scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate the repairs at the Bradley Road Bridge.

On Saturday, October 20, one westbound lane on I-94 at Bradley Road is scheduled to close at 7 p.m. for bridge beam placement work. A second lane is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. with intermittent, full closures of westbound I-94, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled to begin at midnight. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Sunday, October 21. A second night of similar closures is scheduled for the westbound lanes overnight Sunday into Monday, October 22.

On Monday, October 22, one eastbound on I-94 lane is scheduled to close at 7 p.m. for bridge beam placement work. A second lane is scheduled to close at 8 p.m. with intermittent, full closures of eastbound I-94, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled to begin at midnight. All lanes are scheduled to reopen by Tuesday, October 23. On Tuesday, similar closures and full stops are scheduled in both directions overnight Tuesday into Wednesday, October 24.

Bradley Road over I-94 is currently closed because the bridge was too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely completing the reconstruction work. Weather permitting, the Bradley Road Bridge is scheduled to reopen by the end of the year. All work is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2019.

In 2018, the Illinois Tollway is rebuilding the Bradley Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-94 to replace the existing bridge built in the 1950s and provide a new longer and wider bridge to provide two, 12-foot lanes and 8-foot shoulders. Up to 4,500 vehicles use the Bradley Road Bridge daily.

Maps, construction and detour information about the Bradley Road Bridge 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.

The Bradley Road Bridge reconstruction is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Lake County, as well as local municipalities, school districts, fire and police departments.

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the bridge 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 that the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) and Bradley Road 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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