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TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK AT I-190 ON THE TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294)

Ramp resurfacing work is part of ongoing repair work along I-294

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Overnight closures on the ramp connecting westbound I-190 to the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) with a posted detour are scheduled next week for ramp resurfacing work.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detour. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate repairs. All work is weather dependent.

Overnight on Tuesday, November 13, the ramp connecting westbound I-190 to southbound I-294 is scheduled to close beginning at midnight and reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14. A detour will be posted directing traffic to exit at Mannheim Road before re-entering I-190 headed in the eastbound direction to reach southbound I-294. Similar closures are also scheduled for overnight Wednesday, November 14, and overnight Thursday, November 15.



The project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Village of Rosemont 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) 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-294, a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season.

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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