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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY EXPECTS NEARLY 6.6 MILLION VEHICLES ON ITS SYSTEM THIS EASTER-PASSOVER HOLIDAY

Tollway customers can now get traffic and roadway information via Waze

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Drivers taking the Illinois Tollway system for Easter/Passover holiday travel this weekend can now turn to their Waze navigation apps for updates on current real-time traffic and roadway conditions on their routes.

The Illinois Tollway is now providing drivers real-time traffic and roadway information to Waze, the everyday driving platform bringing together drivers to outsmart traffic. The new data-sharing partnership allows Illinois Tollway customers to get advance warnings on crashes, stopped vehicles, potholes and roadway debris on the five roadways that make up the Tollway system.

For more information click [here](#).

For the Easter/Passover weekend, the Illinois Tollway anticipates nearly 6.6 million vehicles will travel between Friday, April 19, and Monday, April 22. The heaviest travel is expected on Friday, April 19, when more than 1.8 million vehicles are projected to use the 294-mile Tollway system. On an average day, more than 1.6 million vehicles use the Illinois Tollway.

Holiday Work Zones

To accommodate holiday travel on the Illinois Tollway, construction activity will be restricted to better serve Tollway customers. Most temporary maintenance and construction lane closures will be suspended from noon on Friday, April 19, through 9 a.m. on Monday, April 22. Some work may continue behind barriers to keep work on schedule. All work is weather-dependent. Areas where ongoing work zones may impact traffic include:

Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80)

- On the Edens Spur, between Pflugsten Road and the Edens Expressway, traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction.
- On I-294, traffic is shifted in both directions at the 83rd Street and 82nd Street toll plazas.
- At the 159th Street Interchange, the ramps carrying traffic from westbound 159th Street to southbound I-294 and from northbound I-294 to westbound 159th Street are closed with posted detours.

Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)

- Between I-290 and York Road, traffic is shifted in both directions. One lane of eastbound traffic is traveling on the westbound side of I-88. That lane must exit to I-290 and does not have access to Mannheim Road. Trucks are prohibited from using this lane.

Give Them Distance

While traveling this holiday weekend, whenever drivers see ANY vehicle on the side of the road with emergency or hazard lights flashing, they are required by law to slow down and change lanes. The Illinois Tollway, along with other transportation agencies and safety groups, is asking drivers to

remember to Give Them Distance to help reduce the number of traffic deaths occurring every year in the state.

Dial *999 for Roadway Assistance

Need help on the road? Tollway customers can call *999 to get assistance from Tollway roadway maintenance crews or from Illinois State Police District 15 while traveling the Tollway system during the holidays. Motorist aid patrols stand ready to help stranded customers change tires, jump-start batteries, add coolant, dispense fuel, transport customers, move vehicles away from traffic and call for a tow truck. District 15 troopers patrol the Tollway system 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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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