

Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future



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## WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

Closures needed in both directions for work between Schaumburg and Elgin

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL –** Weekend lane closures, with traffic reduced at times to a single lane, are scheduled to begin overnight Friday, May 3, on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Meacham Road in Schaumburg and Illinois Route 31 in Elgin for pavement repair.

Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the lane closures. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate repair work and allow the new concrete to cure.

Weather permitting, weekend lane closures will be scheduled to begin overnight Friday, May 3, and continue as needed into Sunday, May 5. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane by midnight on Friday, May 3, in the eastbound lanes between Route 31 and Meacham and in the westbound lanes between Meacham and Barrington Road. Around 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, one lane will reopen, and traffic will be limited to two lanes for the rest of the weekend in both directions.

In addition, the ramps carrying traffic from Illinois Route 25 and Central Road to westbound I-90, from westbound I-90 to Illinois Route 59 and also from Barrington Road to westbound I-90 will have lane closures beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3. All lanes will reopen around 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. All ramps will remain open throughout the repair work.

Similar closures will be scheduled for the weekend of May 11 to complete pavement repair work in this area. Additional repairs on I-90 between the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and Illinois Route 53 will also be scheduled in May.

Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the Daily Construction Alert.

## Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) 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.

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 seven 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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