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WORK TO BEGIN REMOVAL OF HINSDALE OASIS OVER-THE-ROAD PAVILION BEGINS THIS WEEK

*Roof and window removal scheduled to begin first,
followed by bridge structure removal into the summer*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Roof removal on the over-the-road pavilion structure at the Hinsdale Oasis on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is scheduled to begin this week.

The Hinsdale Oasis fuel stations and convenience stores operated by 7-Eleven remain open to provide services for both northbound and southbound travelers along I-294.

Beginning May 4, workers are scheduled to begin disassembling the roof and removing sections of it from inside the building. Traffic is shifted to safely accommodate this work. Up-to-date information regarding lane closures will be available in the Illinois Tollway's Daily Construction Alerts. All work is weather dependent.

As the roof is removed, workers will also begin the process of removing the windows. The pavilion will be wrapped in a thick mesh curtain wall, which will prevent any debris from landing on the roadway below while the windows are removed inward through the interior of the structure. On I-294, temporary overnight closures will be needed for the removal of the pavilion windows.

Once removal of the roof and windows is complete, work will continue into the summer to take down the remaining portions of the building and the bridge structure. Overnight lane closures, including temporary full closures on I-294, will be scheduled as needed.

Removing the Hinsdale Oasis will allow I-294 to be widened to six lanes in each direction between the I-55 Interchange and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) as part of the Tollway's Central Tri-State Tollway Project. In 2019, the Tollway began advance work to prepare for roadway construction in the central section of the project corridor including the reconstruction of the BNSF Railway Bridge over I-294, the reconstruction of the Plainfield Road Bridge and the I-55 ramp over I-294.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with the Village of Western Springs, Village of Burr Ridge and Village of Hinsdale, as well as local fire and police departments.

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. More than 220,000 vehicles use the Central Tri-State Tollway daily. This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for work that is part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

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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 \$250 with up to a \$25,000 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 10 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 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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