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**LONG-TERM CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON BRIDGES
OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

Extended closures needed on Rote Road and Rockton Road through July for local crossroad bridge repairs

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Illinois Tollway roadway and local crossroad bridge repair work is scheduled to begin in June on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge in Winnebago County.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to construction work zones, closures and detours throughout the repairs. All work is weather dependent.

“The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring the roadway remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of our overall commitment to roadway safety,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We ask drivers to be attentive in work zones by watching for changing traffic patterns and using caution, especially when workers are present.”

On Rockton Road, beginning the week of June 1, and continuing through July, construction is scheduled on the Rockton Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-90. Rockton Road and the bridge will remain open during construction; however, traffic will be shifted and reduced to a single lane in each direction on the bridge. Up to 10,000 vehicles use the Rockton Road Bridge daily.

On Rote Road, beginning the week of June 8, and continuing through July, the Rote Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-90 will be closed for construction, and a posted detour will be put in place routing Rote Road traffic via Lyford Road, Spring Creek Road and Bell School Road. Up to 3,900 vehicles use the Rote Road Bridge daily.

Lane reductions at Rockton Road and the full closure of the Rote Road Bridge are necessary because these local crossroad bridges over I-90 are too narrow to accommodate traffic while safely completing the work.

In addition, roadway repair work is scheduled to begin later this summer on I-90 with off-peak lane and shoulder closures between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge for shoulder and culvert repair work.



In 2020, the Illinois Tollway is repairing roadway pavement and bridges between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge. Bridges scheduled for repairs include: Rockton Road, Elevator Road, Rote Road and Spring Creek Road, as well as ramp bridges going over and to I-90 from Business U.S. Route 20/State Street and northbound I-39/U.S. Route 20.

In most locations, bridge improvements will include pavement patching, bridge deck rehabilitation, bridge joint replacement and repairs on bridge beams, piers and girders. On the Rockton Road and Elevator Road bridges, portions of the bridge deck will be reconstructed. Additionally, beam replacement is scheduled for Elevator Road over I-90.

Additional work includes overhead sign structure and barrier wall repairs, drainage and signage improvements and landscaping.

All work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Winnebago County, local communities, as well as local fire and police departments.

The local crossroad bridges are being repaired to extend the life of the structures and the repairs are being done in coordination with the of the repairs on I-90 between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge. The work is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction information about the I-90 Roadway and Bridge Repairs are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

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

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 and can include 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 eight 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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