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PFINGSTEN ROAD BRIDGE OVER EDENS SPUR TOLLWAY (I-94) SET TO REOPEN

Bridge reconstruction work complete, work continues on the Edens Spur Tollway Reconstruction Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway has completed reconstruction of the Pfingsten Road Bridge over the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) ahead of schedule and plans to reopen the bridge to traffic Thursday, July 23.

Work to remove and rebuild the Pfingsten Road Bridge began in March with a full closure and detour scheduled to be in place for six months. Up to 15,600 vehicles use the bridge carrying traffic over the Edens Spur Tollway daily. Temporary, off-peak lane closures may be scheduled as needed to complete punch-list items and complete final inspections with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

“As part of the Illinois Tollway’s dedication to safety, we are committed to prioritizing the safety of both drivers and workers during construction,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We understand the inconvenience that this approach to roadwork can cause, so we are always working to find ways when possible to reduce the impact of this disruption to our customers.”

The new Pfingsten Road Bridge features a wider bridge deck to accommodate vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists traveling over the Edens Spur Tollway. To improve safety for pedestrian and bicycle access, the wider bridge provides space for construction of a wider sidewalk on the northbound side of the bridge and a new barrier-separated path on the southbound side of the bridge to tie into a future multi-use path.

The work also provided for a new water main that was constructed under the Edens Spur at Pfingsten Road to provide a future connection between the Villages of Deerfield and Northbrook.

Reconstruction of the Pfingsten Road Bridge is part of the \$109 million Edens Spur Improvement Project. The Edens Spur Improvement Project is removing and replacing all existing mainline asphalt pavement and replacing or repairing mainline bridges. Additional work includes replacing the Pfingsten Road Bridge, repairing the Waukegan Road Bridge over the Edens Spur, constructing the barrier separated median with stormwater improvements and upgrading ITS and roadway lighting. All work is scheduled to be complete in 2020.

Originally constructed in 1958, the Edens Spur consists of two lanes in each direction with 4-foot wide inside shoulders and 11-foot wide outside shoulders and an open grass median. Up to 57,000 vehicles use the Edens Spur daily.

These repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and provide safe and convenient travel for Tollway customers. This work is part of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Maps and construction about the Edens Spur Tollway repairs are available in the Projects section on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com

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Work Zone 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 \$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 Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) reconstruction.

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.