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LONG-TERM CLOSURE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON ELEVATOR ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY *Extended closures needed through November for local crossroad bridge repairs*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Elevator Road Bridge over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Winnebago County is scheduled to close next week with a posted detour as part of the Illinois Tollway’s ongoing roadway and bridge repair work in the area.

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 understands safety is just as important as access for drivers who use the Tollway to reach work and home, and we thank them for their patience,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “Closing the Elevator Road Bridge allows us to safely complete this work in less time and minimize the inconvenience to drivers.”

Beginning Tuesday, August 25, and continuing through November, the Elevator Road Bridge will be closed to traffic and a posted detour will be put in place. The detour will route Elevator Road traffic to Love Road, McCurry Road and Willowbrook Road to cross the Tollway. Up to 2,300 vehicles use the Elevator Road Bridge daily.

Work on the Elevator Road Bridge will include reconstructing portions of the bridge deck and beam replacement is scheduled.

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



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

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 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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