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WEEKEND OVERNIGHT TOLLWAY AND LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR EDENS SPUR (I-94) BRIDGE BEAM WORK

*Temporary closures on U.S. Route 41 and Tollway needed
to safely accommodate bridge beam installation*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, lane closures and full traffic stops are scheduled this weekend on the on the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) and on U.S. Route 41 for bridge beam installation as part of the Tollway’s work to complete improvements on the Edens Spur. Delays are expected.

Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers. The temporary closures are necessary to safely accommodate the placement of bridge beams. Bridge beam work will be scheduled during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic. All work is weather dependent.

“This work is necessary to keep the Tollway in good condition for years to come,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We work to limit lane closures to temporary overnight hours to minimize the impact of construction on daily commuters.”

Overnight on Saturday, September 12, and on Sunday, September 13, on U.S. Route 41 one lane in both directions is scheduled to close at 9 p.m. each night, with intermittent, full closures each lasting 15 minutes, beginning after 1 a.m.

In addition, on the westbound Edens Spur one lane in both directions is scheduled to close at 9 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, with intermittent, full closures each lasting 15 minutes, beginning after 1 a.m. No closures are scheduled on the eastbound Edens Spur.

All lanes on I-94 and on U.S. Route 41 are scheduled to reopen the following morning by 8 a.m. the on Sunday and 5 a.m. on Monday morning.

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 Pflugsten 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

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.

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 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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