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WEEKEND OF LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

Ramp, lane closures needed in both directions for work between Rosemont and Arlington Heights

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Weekend lane closures, with traffic reduced at times to two lanes, are scheduled to begin overnight Friday, October 30, on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Rosemont and Oakton Street (Illinois Route 83) in Arlington Heights for pavement repairs.

Electronic message signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the lane closures. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate repair work and allow the new concrete to cure.

“The Illinois Tollway prioritizes the safety of both drivers and workers when planning for roadway maintenance and repairs,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “While roadwork detours are inconvenient for drivers, the closures are necessary to provide a safe work zone for construction workers and completion of the repair work.”

Weather permitting, weekend lane closures will be scheduled to begin overnight Friday, October 30, and continue as needed into Saturday, October 31. Traffic will be reduced to two lanes by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 30, on eastbound I-90 between Touhy Avenue and Wolf Road and on westbound I-90 between Lee Street and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Lanes are scheduled to reopen after 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 31, dependent on concrete curing.

In addition, the ramp connecting Devon Avenue to westbound I-90 is scheduled to close at 9 p.m. on Friday, October 30. No detour will be posted. Lane closures are also scheduled on the ramps carrying eastbound I-90 to Elmhurst Road, Elmhurst Road to westbound I-90, Lee Street to eastbound I-90 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-90, but the ramps will remain open throughout the repair work. All ramps will reopen by 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 31.

Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#).

Work Zone Safety

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

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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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