



**March 18, 2020**

**SUBJECT: Movement of loads in response to COVID-19 Pandemic  
under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Tollway**

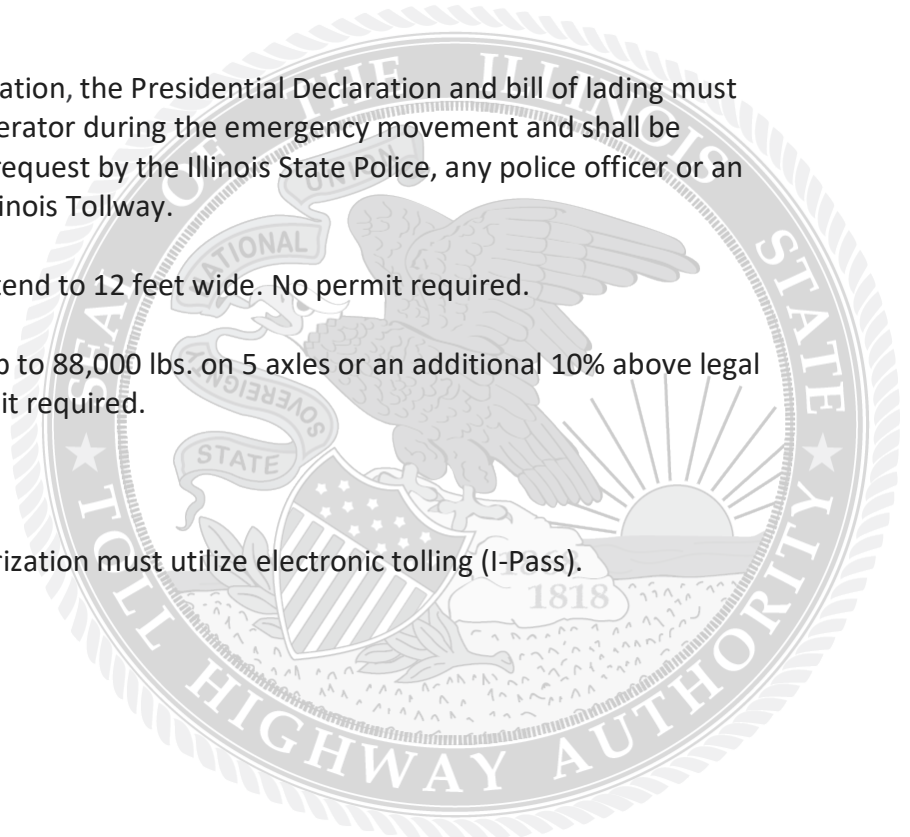
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**SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION**

A Presidential Declaration of Emergency has been declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To support the emergency response and relief as defined in the Declaration, the Illinois Tollway is temporarily increasing over-dimension and overweight load limits subject to permitting. Emergency movements authorized to travel on the Illinois Tollway under this Special Authorization are subject to the following restrictions:

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1. Undertaking the emergency movement is evidence that both the owner and operator of the equipment agree to abide by the terms and conditions included in this Authorization. This Authorization is issued by the Illinois Tollway only for COVID-19 emergency response and relief.
2. A copy of this Special Authorization, the Presidential Declaration and bill of lading must be in the possession of the operator during the emergency movement and shall be available for inspection upon request by the Illinois State Police, any police officer or an authorized employee of the Illinois Tollway.
3. Over-dimension loads may extend to 12 feet wide. No permit required.
4. Overweight loads may carry up to 88,000 lbs. on 5 axles or an additional 10% above legal loads on fewer axles. No permit required.
5. Tolls are not waived.
6. Vehicles subject to this Authorization must utilize electronic tolling (I-Pass).





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7. The vehicle owner and operator shall assume all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including their own, caused directly or indirectly by the emergency movement authorized herein.
8. The owner and operator agree to hold the Illinois Tollway and its employees harmless from all suits, claims, damages, or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the Illinois Tollway and its employees for any claim they may be required to pay arising from this Special Authorization.
9. The emergency movements are authorized 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
10. The emergency movements shall not be made during periods of inclement weather, i.e., when the pavement is covered with snow or ice or when visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog, or at any time travel conditions are considered unsafe by the Illinois Tollway or Illinois State Police.

**This SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION is effective immediately and expires May 15, 2020. This SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION may be extended. Violation of any of the conditions of this SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION will subject the owner and operator to arrest, pursuant to the provision of Section 625 ILCS 5/15-301(j) and any other applicable portions of the Illinois Vehicle Code.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Kovacs".

Paul D. Kovacs, P.E.  
Chief Engineering Officer

cc: District 15, Illinois State Police