THE ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

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CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN No. 21-01

SUBJECT: Work Zone Public Information Sign W21-I116

The Illinois Tollway Standard Drawings and Maintenance of Traffic Plates in the Roadway Traffic Control and Communications Manual include Work Zone Public Information Sign W21-I116 in advance of work zones to advise motorists of the penalties that could result from hitting a worker. This sign is included in most contracts currently under construction by the Illinois Tollway system. The sign was previously used by IDOT and Illinois Tollway Standards directed the Contractor to obtain camera-ready artwork required for the sign from IDOT’s Central Bureau of Operations. IDOT has discontinued use of this sign, so they will not be providing updated artwork. The Illinois Tollway will also discontinue the use of this sign.

The “Hit a Worker” signs are reflected in the following Illinois Tollway Standard Drawings and Maintenance of Traffic Plates from the Section 15 of the Roadway Traffic Control and Communications Manual:

- Illinois Tollway Standards:
  - E2 – Lane Closure Details
  - E3 – Shoulder Closure Details
- Roadway Traffic Control and Communication Manual – Section 15: Maintenance of Traffic Plates and Notes
  - Plate 2 – Typical Temporary Shoulder Closure
  - Plate 3R – Typical Temporary Right Lane Closure
  - Plate 3L – Typical Temporary Left Lane Closure
  - Plate 4R – Typical Temporary Two Right Lanes Closure
  - Plate 4L – Typical Temporary Two Left Lanes Closure
  - Plate 5 – Typical Temporary Work on Acceleration Lane
  - Plate 6 – Typical Deceleration Lane and/or Ramp Lane Closure
  - Plate 6A – Typical Deceleration Lane Closure
  - Plate 7 – Typical Work in Toll Plaza

The latest versions of the above-referenced drawings have been updated to reflect the elimination of this sign. Contracts that include Standard E2-09 and E3-08 shall use E2-10 and E3-09 respectively for all future closures. Contracts that include earlier versions of Standards E2 and E3 shall continue to use the Standards included in their Contract, but without the use of Work Zone Public Information Sign W21-I116. Requirements in Maintenance of Traffic Plans for this sign and any penalties explicitly associated with this sign shall be eliminated from all Contracts as well.

The Maintenance of Traffic Plates and Notes have been updated in the 2021 Roadway Traffic Communications Manual. These updates Plates shall be used in lieu of the 2020 Plates.

Construction Managers are hereby directed to follow this construction bulletin with all Illinois Tollway contracts and to have the removals performed by the contractor in an efficient and timely manner without undue burden to the contract.

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