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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED AT I-39/U.S. ROUTE 20 INTERCHANGE ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

Ramp closure needed to safely accommodate pavement work

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – An overnight closure is scheduled next week on the ramp connecting the eastbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) to I-39/U.S. Route 20 as part of ongoing roadway and local crossroad bridge repair work between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge in Winnebago County.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the ramp closures and a posted detour. The ramp closure is needed to provide a safe work zone for pavement work. All work is weather dependent.

“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.”

On Monday, August 3, the ramp connecting eastbound I-90 to southbound I-39/westbound U.S. Route 20 is scheduled to close with a posted detour beginning at 9 p.m. The detour will route traffic along eastbound I-90 to Irene Road where traffic will be routed through the interchange onto westbound I-90 and back to the southbound I-39/westbound U.S. Route 20 exit. No tolls will be taken at the Irene Road Toll Plazas associated with this detour during the ramp closure.

In addition, on Monday August 3, eastbound I-90 will be reduced to a single lane beginning at 9 p.m. All lanes and the ramp are scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4. If work cannot be completed in this time, ramp and lane closures will be scheduled overnight Tuesday, August 4, and Wednesday, August 5 as needed.

Currently, shoulder closures are in place on eastbound I-90 between East Riverside Boulevard and Newburg Road through the fall for an Illinois Department of Transportation project on I-39/U.S. Route 20.

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

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

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

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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 www.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 a fine of up to \$25,000 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.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

- The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including: illinoistollway.com – Interactive Tollway Map for live roadway images.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) – Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](#) – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

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* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway 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.