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TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED ON WINDSOR DRIVE IN OAK BROOK AS WORK CONTINUES ON LOCAL CROSSROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

*Work to rebuild the Windsor Drive Bridge over Tollway ramps
connecting I-88 and I-294 scheduled to continue through 2021*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL — A traffic shift is scheduled next week on Windsor Drive in Oak Brook as the Illinois Tollway reaches the halfway point of its work to reconstruct the bridge carrying traffic over ramps connecting the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Weather permitting, beginning at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, all Windsor Drive traffic will be shifted onto the new northbound side of the bridge and temporary traffic signals will be removed providing for a lane of travel in both directions crossing the bridge. Traffic will remain in this configuration until late fall to accommodate reconstruction of the southbound lanes on the bridge.

Electronic message signs and construction signage are in place to alert drivers to scheduled lane closures, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits. All work is weather dependent.

Work is underway to remove the existing two-lane bridge carrying traffic over the Tollway ramps connecting I-88 and I-294 and replace it with a new, wider bridge structure.

The Tollway ramps connecting I-88 and I-294 remain open with shoulders closed. Full ramp closures will be scheduled as needed for bridge beam removal and replacement.

The Tollway's \$7.5 million Windsor Drive Bridge Project will provide four lanes on Windsor Drive along with a 10-foot-wide landscaped raised median and sidewalks in both directions. Additional work on this project includes, the reconstruction of outside shoulders on the ramps connecting eastbound I-88 to southbound I-294 and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88, along with erosion control and landscaping. All work is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021

Bridge replacement will also accommodate work underway by the Village of Oak Brook to widen Windsor Drive to four lanes between Swift Road and Cermak Road. In addition, the existing four-span bridge will be replaced with a two-span structure to improve Tollway maintenance and operations in the area and accommodate any ramp or roadway improvements needed in the future.

This work is part of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. The Windsor Drive Bridge Project is being coordinated with the Village of Oak Brook as well as local fire and police departments. Currently, up to 6,500 vehicles use Windsor Drive daily.

Maps and construction information about the Windsor Drive Bridge Project are available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. Information about Oak Brook's Windsor Drive Widening and Streetscape Project is available on the village's website at www.oak-brook.org.

Work Zone Safety

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The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Windsor Drive 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 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 nine 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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