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**LOCAL ROAD LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK
FOR JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) CONSTRUCTION**

Long-term closures planned on Wolf Road; overnight closures planned on Touhy Avenue and Higgins Road in Gilberts as part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Local road lane closures in Des Plaines and Gilberts are scheduled next week as work continues to rebuild the bridges carrying the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). This work is part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project and is scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the scheduled lane closures. The closures are necessary to accommodate the construction of new lanes in each direction on the I-90 Jane Addams Memorial Tollway. All local roads will remain open to traffic throughout construction. All work is weather dependent.

On Wolf Road in Des Plaines, beginning the week of March 7, one lane in both directions is scheduled to close intermittently over a two week period for drainage and bridge construction. One lane in both directions will remain open to traffic at all times.

On Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines, beginning Monday, March 7, for two weeks, overnight lane closures will be scheduled for bridge beam removal. When closures are needed, one lane in both directions will close at 9 p.m., with full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m., ahead of the morning rush hour.

On Higgins Road (Illinois Route 72) in Gilberts, beginning Tuesday, March 8, overnight lane closures will be scheduled for bridge beam installation. Two eastbound lanes will close at 8 p.m., with full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, scheduled between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9. The same closures are scheduled on Wednesday, March 9, in the westbound lanes. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Thursday, March 10.

The local roadway closures were coordinated with the city of Des Plaines, the village of Gilberts, Kane County and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local police and fire departments.

Current construction on I-90 between Elgin and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is part of the \$2.5 billion I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project. The eastern segment of I-90 is being rebuilt and a new lane added to provide four lanes in each direction between Randall Road and I-294.

The project also requires reconstruction of I-90 bridges over local roads between Illinois Route 53 and I-294. Mainline bridges with local road impacts include: Golf Road, Arlington Heights Road, Busse Road, Oakton Street, Mount Prospect Road, Wolf Road, Touhy Avenue, Mannheim Road and Higgins Road (Illinois Route 72) in Rosemont.

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Construction information about the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project is available in the “Projects by Roadway” section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

A 40 mph work zone speed limit is in effect on Wolf Road and on Higgins Road (Illinois Route 72) in Gilberts. A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect on Touhy Avenue. Construction 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.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project

The \$2.5 billion Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project will deliver a 21st century, state-of-the-art corridor linking Rockford to O’Hare International Airport. The I-90 corridor from downtown Chicago to Rockford serves nearly one million travelers per day. The project encompasses 62 miles and features six reconstructed and expanded lanes from Randall Road to I-39 near Rockford completed in 2014 and reconstruction and expansion to eight lanes from the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to Randall Road in Elgin to be completed in 2016. The new I-90 will also feature significant improvements to seven interchanges and bus on shoulder service along the eastern segment in partnership with Pace. In addition, the new I-90 includes flexible infrastructure to enable the Tollway to add new “smart” features and future transit expansion for the first time in the agency’s history.

The I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project is funded by the Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. The I-90 bridges were constructed as part of the original Tollway system in the 1950s.

Illinois Tollway Keeps Drivers Informed

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- www.illinoistollway.com – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure and travel information
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- www.twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

About *Move Illinois*

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project and fund planning studies for emerging projects.

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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