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HIGGINS ROAD BRIDGE (ILLINOIS ROUTE 72) OVER JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) IN HOFFMAN ESTATES SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETE IN JUNE

Bridge reconstructed for I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Reconstruction of the Higgins Road Bridge (Illinois Route 72) carrying traffic over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Hoffman Estates is nearing completion with a final traffic shift scheduled next week. The local crossroad bridge has been reconstructed to make way for the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project and is scheduled to be complete in early June.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the traffic shift. The temporary lane closures and traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate traffic.

Weather permitting, during the week of May 30 work to shift traffic will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Eastbound traffic will shift into its final configuration with two lanes and a full shoulder. Two lanes of westbound traffic will remain shifted to the right to complete drainage work, and traffic will be shifted into its final configuration the week of June 6. All bridge work will then be complete, although daily off-peak lane closures will be scheduled through June to remove construction barriers and restore landscaping.

The Higgins Road Bridge project included construction of two new steel bridges each with two lanes and full shoulders in each direction. The new bridge also provides for room to accommodate a future bike path. Up to 24,900 vehicles use this stretch of Higgins Road daily.

The Illinois Tollway coordinated work on the project with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Cook County along with local municipalities, townships, school districts and police and fire departments.

The Higgins Road Bridge in Hoffman Estates is among four local crossroad bridges scheduled to be reconstructed along I-90 in 2016 to accommodate the new, wider I-90 roadway. Local crossroad bridge construction in 2016 also includes removal and reconstruction of the Spring Center Road Bridge and Tripp Road Bridge in Boone County and completion of work on the Higgins Road Bridge (Illinois Route 72) in Gilberts.

Altogether, 30 local bridges will be reconstructed as part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project. 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*.

Maps and construction project information about the I-90 local crossroad bridge projects are available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Higgins Road Bridge and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety.

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. A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect on Higgins Road.

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.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- 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 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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