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**BRIDGE BEAM PLACEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE NEXT WEEK
ON THE NEW EASTBOUND I-290 FLYOVER RAMP**

*Closures and detours on I-290 and Illinois Route 390 are part of the I-290 Interchange Project
on the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Lane and ramp closures with detours are scheduled to begin next week on I-290 and Illinois Route 390 as bridge beam placement continues for construction of the new flyover ramp bridge connecting eastbound I-290 to eastbound Illinois Route 390.

As part of the Illinois Tollway's I-290 Interchange Project, the Illinois Department of Transportation is building a new flyover ramp bridge scheduled to be complete in 2017. When completed, the three-level, multi-span structure will pass over both I-290 and Illinois Route 390 and create a new free flow movement.

Electronic message signs and detour signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and times for the scheduled lane closures and ramp detours. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction of the new ramps. All work is weather dependent.

Weather permitting, on Monday, June 6, work to shift traffic on eastbound I-290 is scheduled to begin. One eastbound lane on I-290 between Biesterfield Road and Illinois Irving Park Road is scheduled to close at 7 p.m., followed by a second lane closure at 9 p.m. and a third at 11 p.m. In addition, the ramp carrying traffic from Biesterfield Road to eastbound I-290 is scheduled to close at midnight and a detour will be posted. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, in advance of the morning rush hour, with all traffic shifted to the right to accommodate a construction work zone.

On Tuesday, June 7, work to complete the traffic shift will be scheduled on westbound I-290. One westbound lane on I-290 between Irving Park Road and Biesterfield Road scheduled to close at 7 p.m., followed by second lane closure at 9 p.m. and a third at 11 p.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, in advance of the morning rush hour, with all traffic shifted to the right to accommodate a work zone.

Once the shifts are completed, four nights of lane closures will be scheduled on eastbound I-290, Illinois Route 390 and four associated ramps for bridge beam placement. Full closures on I-290 and Illinois Route 390 are being scheduled overnight to minimize the impact to daily commuters.

On Saturday, June 11, one lane in both directions of I-290 between Biesterfield Road and Thorndale Avenue is scheduled to close beginning at 8 p.m., followed by a second lane in both directions at 10 p.m. and a third in both directions at 11:30 p.m. All eastbound I-290 lanes will close at midnight and a detour will be posted to direct traffic around the work zone.

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In addition, on Illinois Route 390, one eastbound lane between Plum Grove Road and Rohlwing Road is scheduled to close at 8 p.m., and one westbound lane between Prospect Avenue and Rohlwing Road is scheduled to close at 9 p.m. All lanes in both directions between Meacham Road and I-290 will close at midnight and detours will be posted. All lanes and ramps will reopen by 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 12.

Additional ramp closures with posted detours scheduled to begin at midnight include:

- Eastbound I-290 to eastbound Illinois Route 390
- Eastbound Illinois Route 390 to eastbound I-290
- Eastbound Illinois Route 390 to westbound I-290
- Westbound Illinois Route 390 to eastbound I-290
- Westbound Illinois Route 390 to Rohlwing Road
- Biesterfield Road to eastbound I-290

Similar closures will continue over several nights between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., with full closure of eastbound I-290 between midnight and 5 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, Monday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 14.

Weather permitting, an additional three nights of closures with posted detours will be scheduled for westbound I-290 and Illinois Route 390 in both directions, beginning overnight on Saturday, June 18. Westbound I-290 will be closed at Illinois Route 390 between midnight Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday, June 19.

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- Westbound Illinois Route 390 to westbound I-290
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- Eastbound Illinois Route 390 to westbound I-290
- Westbound Illinois Route 390 to eastbound I-290
- Westbound Illinois Route 390 to Rohlwing Road

All lanes and ramps will reopen by 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 19. Similar closures will be scheduled overnight Sunday, June 19, Monday, June 20, and Tuesday, June 21.

Work on the new I-290 Interchange and detours are being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and the Village of Itasca, along with local police and fire departments.

The new flyover ramp being constructed by IDOT will provide two, 12-foot lanes with a 10-foot outside shoulder and a 12-foot inside shoulder and will replace the ramp that ends at a signalized intersection at Illinois Route 390. The new flyover ramp bridge will be 1,063 feet in length with a bridge deck that will be approximately 38 feet above Illinois Route 390. A portion of the new flyover ramp bridge will also include a ramp connecting to Hamilton Lakes Drive.

The ramp is scheduled for completion in 2017 and will coincide with completion of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway from I-290 east to Illinois Route 83.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 and other area roadways 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. On Illinois Route 390 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. Work zone speed limits are in place on other roads in the project area as well, including a 55 mph work zone speed limit on I-290.

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-290 Interchange Project

As part of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway, the I-290 Interchange is being constructed by the Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Department of Transportation to provide direct access to and from Illinois Route 390 in all directions. Currently, about 83,000 vehicles per day use ramps at the Illinois Route 390/I-290 Interchange; 127,000 vehicles per day are expected to use the new interchange ramps when it opens in 2017 – an increase of more than 53 percent. Today, about 240,000 vehicles a day travel through the Illinois Route 390/I-290 area. By 2030, that number is expected to increase to 340,000.

The I-290 Interchange Project is estimated at approximately \$440 million and will include 17 ramps and 15 new bridges in the interchange area between Meacham/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue and will create direct access with a new fly-over ramp and free-flow traffic movements to and from Illinois Route 390 in all directions. The I-290 Interchange Project also includes construction of a new Rohlwing Road Bridge and access improvements along Illinois Route 390 between Meacham Road/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue. The new I-290 Interchange Project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017.

The public can follow the progress of the work on the I-290 Interchange via camera images offering bird's-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway's website, along with maps and construction project information available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The new Illinois Route 390 Tollway is part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project included in the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Moving the Future*.

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 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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