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**TRAFFIC SHIFT SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK ON MEACHAM ROAD BRIDGE
ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)**

Work is part of the Meacham Road Interchange Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Traffic on the bridge carrying Meacham Road traffic over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) is scheduled to be shifted next week as construction continues for work on the Meacham Road Interchange Project, as the Illinois Tollway works to build new ramps and complete the new interchange by the end of this year.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the new traffic pattern. Traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone and safely accommodate traffic.

Weather permitting, the week of July 11, two northbound lanes of traffic on Meacham Road will be shifted onto the new northbound side of the bridge. Daily lane reductions will be in place for northbound traffic between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. until the traffic shift is complete.

Two lanes of southbound traffic will remain on the southbound side of the bridge, shifted to the right to accommodate the work zone. Traffic is scheduled to remain in this configuration until late summer.

Daily lane closures on Meacham Road will continue to be scheduled through fall to complete ramp and roadway paving, lighting and drainage work, as well as complete installation of traffic signals and toll plazas.

The Meacham Road Interchange Project is reconstructing the Meacham Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-90 and building two new ramps to create access to exit I-90 westbound at Meacham Road and enter I-90 westbound from Meacham Road. Up to 36,000 vehicles use this section of Meacham Road daily. The project is being coordinated with the village of Schaumburg and Cook County, along with local police and fire departments.

Construction information about the Meacham Road Interchange Project is available in the “Projects by Roadway” section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Toll Collection Information

As part of the Meacham Road Interchange Project, all-electronic toll plazas with I-PASS or Pay Online lanes will be constructed on the new westbound exit ramp and westbound entrance ramp. Cars with I-PASS will pay 45 cents and for trucks tolls will range from \$1.45 to \$3.75 during daytime hours, with overnight discounts offered. Those without I-PASS can pay their tolls online at the cash rate within the seven-day grace period. The cash rate is 90 cents for cars. Toll collection will not begin until work on the Meacham Road Interchange is complete.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Meacham Road 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 I-90 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. A 35 mph work zone is in place in the construction zone on Meacham 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.

Meacham Road Interchange Project

The Meacham Road Interchange Project is building a new, partial-access interchange connecting Meacham Road and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). The project will reconstruct the Meacham Road Bridge carrying traffic over I-90 and build two new ramps to create access to exit I-90 westbound at Meacham Road and enter I-90 westbound from Meacham Road. Work also includes improvements to Meacham Road between Thoreau Drive and Tower Road. In addition, the project also provides room for a future multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path on the east side of the bridge. The project cost is estimated at \$51 million with work scheduled to be complete in 2016.

The Meacham Road Interchange Project is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, and by the village of Schaumburg. The Meacham Road Bridge was constructed as part of the original Tollway system in the 1950s.

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 292 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.