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**RECONSTRUCTED RAMPS NOW OPEN AT BARRINGTON ROAD INTERCHANGE
ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)**

*New traffic configuration on Barrington Road delivering
half of the new interchange improvements in Hoffman Estates*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Traffic shifts were completed today at the Barrington Road Interchange in Hoffman Estates, giving drivers access to newly reconstructed ramps and improved travel to and from the east on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and making way for construction of new ramps to complete a full interchange. Electronic message signs are placed in advance to alert drivers to the new traffic patterns.

The Barrington Road Interchange is being redesigned to improve traffic flow with construction of all new ramps and one signalized intersection located in the middle of the Barrington Road Bridge. All traffic crossing I-90 on Barrington Road and traffic entering or exiting I-90 will be controlled from a single set of traffic signals on the bridge.

Traffic shifts completed today, November 2, redirect traffic travelling southbound on Barrington Road onto the newly reconstructed eastbound entrance ramp to I-90 on the east side of the interchange. Southbound traffic is now directed to turn left at the new traffic signal to access the ramp to eastbound I-90.

Traffic patterns for northbound traffic traveling to eastbound I-90 remain the same. In addition, on Barrington Road, lane closures remain in place with two lanes of northbound and southbound traffic maintained on Barrington Road.

Construction on the Barrington Road Interchange Project continues as the Illinois Tollway works to build new ramps and complete the partial access interchange and provide full access to both east and west I-90 traffic to and from Barrington Road.

Completion of the traffic shift this week will allow for the old ramp to be removed accommodating construction of the new ramp to allow eastbound I-90 traffic to exit to Barrington Road. This work is scheduled to be complete in early 2017. In addition, construction of the new entrance ramp providing access from Barrington Road to westbound I-90 is ongoing, with work scheduled to complete by December.

The Barrington Road Interchange Project is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Hoffman Estates along with local police and fire departments. The average daily traffic on Barrington Road is approximately 30,000 vehicles to the north of I-90 and 45,000 to the south.

The new interchange design requires less space for ramps and will provide efficient traffic flow by allowing concurrent left turns for greater capacity. The new traffic pattern was chosen because of its ability to move large volumes of traffic through limited amounts of space safely and efficiently.

As part of the Barrington Road Interchange Project, ramp toll collection equipment will be installed to provide cashless tolling with I-PASS or Pay Online lanes on the new ramps carrying traffic to and from the west. Toll plazas on the ramps carrying traffic to and from the east will include I-PASS or Pay Online lanes, as well as automatic coin machines. Cars with I-PASS will pay 45 cents and the cash rate is 90 cents for cars. Trucks tolls will range from \$1.50 to \$4.00 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 public can follow the progress of the work on the Barrington Road Interchange via camera images offering bird's-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway's website illinoistollway.com. Views of ongoing work at Barrington Road are updated every 15 minutes and available online.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Barrington 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 Barrington 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.

Barrington Road Interchange Project

The Illinois Tollway is building a new, \$68 million interchange at Barrington Road on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). The new interchange will feature a four-way signalized intersection on the Barrington Road Bridge to improve traffic flow and mobility. The project is reconstructing the existing ramps on the east side and constructing new access to and from the west to complete the existing partial interchange. The new interchange will also provide access to a future Park & Ride facility planned by Pace.

The Barrington Road Interchange Project is funded in part by the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the village of Hoffman Estates. In addition, in partnership with Pace, the project accommodates construction of one of the first Park & Ride facilities on the Illinois Tollway system. Pace is leading the design and construction of the new Park & Ride facility in coordination with the completion of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

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

- 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
- travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- 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 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), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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