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**LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK
ON PROSPECT AVENUE IN ITASCA FOR BRIDGE WORK**

Lane closures planned for bridge beam installation as part of new Illinois Route 390 Tollway construction

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary lane closures will be scheduled next week on Prospect Avenue in Itasca for bridge beam installation as part of construction of new Illinois Route 390 Tollway over Prospect Avenue.

Beam installation for the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway will be scheduled over several days with temporary lanes closures, as well as 15-minute full closures during off-peak, daytime hours to minimize the impact on traffic. The roadway closure is necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction of the bridge. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the closures.

Weather permitting, beginning on Tuesday, February 7, through Friday, February 10, the daily single lane closures will begin at 8:30 a.m. in both directions on Prospect Avenue and will also include left turn lane closures at Thorndale Avenue to prepare for bridge beam placement. In addition, full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 3:30 p.m. each day.

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating the roadway construction with the Village of Itasca and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

In 2017, the Illinois Tollway will complete construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway between I-290 and Illinois Route 83 along the current Thorndale Avenue, along with work to build new bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. This work is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Construction information about the [Illinois Route 390 Tollway Project](#) is available under “Projects Overview” in the Explore Projects section on the Tollway’s website at illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 Tollway 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. A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect for traffic using the frontage roads throughout construction. Work zone speed limits are in place on other roads in the project area as well.

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.

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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, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

Illinois Route 390 Project

The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017 is providing an improved roadway from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to I-290 and extending Illinois Route 390 east to Illinois Route 83 along the current Thorndale Avenue with bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. The new Illinois Route 390 from Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) to Illinois Route 83, including a new interchange at I-290, is estimated at \$780 million. In 2016, the Illinois Tollway opened the western segment of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and I-290. These improvements are part of the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, which is included in the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first five years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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.

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