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MOUNT PROSPECT ROAD CLOSURE WITH DETOUR SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK IN DES PLAINES

Week-long closure needed for water main work for the Illinois Tollway I-490/I-90 Interchange Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A week-long closure of a portion of Mount Prospect Road in Des Plaines is scheduled to begin next week to accommodate water main work by the Illinois Tollway.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the roadway closure and a posted detour.

Weather permitting, beginning the week of May 11, Mount Prospect Road between I-90 and Howard Avenue is scheduled to close to traffic. Detours will be posted to direct traffic to use Touhy Avenue, Wolf Road and Oakton Street to travel around the roadway closure.

Access to local businesses on Mount Prospect Road between I-90 and Howard Avenue will still be permitted during the closure, however through traffic will not be allowed.

“The Illinois Tollway prioritizes the safety of both drivers and workers when planning for roadway maintenance and repairs,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “While roadwork detours are inconvenient for drivers, the closures are necessary to provide a safe work zone for construction workers and completion of the repair work.”

The roadway closure and detour has been coordinated with the City of Des Plaines, Cook County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to allow the Illinois Tollway to remove an unused portion of an existing local water main, previously used to serve the former Des Plaines Oasis on I-90. The oasis was removed to accommodate the new interchange currently under construction to connect the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) to the new I-490 Tollway.



The new I-490/I-90 Interchange will consist of four ramps, including a ramp bridge over I-90 connecting westbound I-90 to I-490, constructed west of Mount Prospect Road and will provide full access between the two Tollways. In addition, the I-490/I-90 Interchange Project will also include construction of a new multi-span bridge that will carry I-490 over the Metropolitan Water Reclamation of Greater Chicago's Touhy Avenue Reservoir south of I-90. The new interchange is scheduled to be complete in 2023.

The work is part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Construction information about the Tollway's I-490/I-90 Interchange Project is available in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone 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.

The Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the "Move Over Law" requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones or failure to comply with the Move Over Law. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$250 and can include up to a \$25,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker. Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

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

- Illinoistollway.com – Projects section, live roadway images and work zone safety information.
- [Daily construction alerts](#) — Daily and long-term lane and shoulder closure schedules.
- [Twitter.com](https://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.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 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 eight years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and planning 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 294 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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