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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY CONTINUES ROADWAY WORK TO BUILD NEW ILLINOIS ROUTE 390

Local road closures, lane reduction scheduled to continue construction of the Illinois Route 390 mainline east to O'Hare International Airport

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Construction is resuming on the Illinois Route 390 Project with local road closures, traffic shifts and lane reductions scheduled as part of the Illinois Tollway's work to build the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway extending east to O'Hare International Airport.

In 2016, the Illinois Tollway will continue construction of Illinois Route 390, extending the roadway east to Illinois Route 83, including construction of bridges and frontage roads to accommodate local traffic. In addition, construction of a new eastbound frontage road is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2016. Completion of the new Tollway between Rohlwing Road and Illinois Route 83 is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

On Monday, March 21, a short segment of Edgewood Avenue between Thorndale Avenue and the frontage road south of Thorndale Avenue closed permanently to accommodate construction of new frontage roads and Illinois Route 390. Traffic is now directed to Lively Boulevard and the frontage road to provide continued local access.

Beginning in late March, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on Prospect Avenue to complete advance work for the construction of Illinois Route 390 between Prospect Avenue and Lively Boulevard.

During the week of April 11, traffic on Illinois Route 83 between Bryn Mawr Avenue and Mark Street will be shifted and reduced from three lanes to two in each direction for reconstruction of Illinois Route 83 associated with construction of Illinois Route 390 between Lively Boulevard and Supreme Drive.

Also in April, Supreme Drive north of Thorndale Avenue will close and a detour will be posted for advance work for the construction of Illinois Route 390 between Lively Boulevard and Supreme Drive. In addition, south of Thorndale, traffic on Supreme Drive will be shifted with one lane open in both directions for temporary pavement construction.

The Tollway is coordinating work with the Illinois Department of Transportation and DuPage County, as well as local townships, villages and police and fire departments.

Construction information about the Illinois Route 390 Project is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

The public can follow the progress of the work on the EOWA Project via camera images offering bird's-eye-views on the Illinois Tollway's website www.illinoistollway.com. Views of ongoing work at the I-290 Interchange and Illinois Route 390 are updated every 15 minutes and available online.

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Work Zone Safety

A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect on Illinois Route 390. Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should slow down in construction zones, whether or not workers are present, watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution at all times.

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 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

Illinois Route 390 Project

The first phase of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Project includes building the new Illinois Route 390. The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by 2017 is improving the existing portion of Illinois Route 390, formerly known as the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, 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 2015, the Illinois Tollway completed improvements to the western segment of Illinois Route 390 between Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and Rohlwing Road.

In 2016, the project includes work to build the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway east from I-290 to Illinois Route 83, including construction of new bridges to carry Illinois Route 390 traffic over Hamilton Lakes Drive, Salt Creek, Mittel Boulevard and Lively Boulevard to accommodate local traffic. In addition, local interchange improvements, construction of new frontage roads, local roadway improvements and noisewalls will be built to accommodate the new Illinois Route 390. The new roadway between Rohlwing Road and Illinois Route 83 is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017.

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*.

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 Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project

Considered a Project of National and Regional Significance by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the \$3.4 billion Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project represents a fiscally responsible approach to address the area's diverse travel needs – improving travel efficiency, providing western access to O'Hare International Airport, creating opportunities for jobs and economic development, enhancing multi-modal connections and reducing congestion. The project includes 17 miles of new roads with 15 new or improved interchanges as part of a new, all-electronic toll road that includes rehabilitating and widening Illinois Route 390, formerly known as the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, and extending it east along Thorndale Avenue to O'Hare and building a new roadway around the western border of O'Hare linking the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Broadly supported by local governments, the project is the result of bipartisan consensus reached by the Elgin O'Hare

Advisory Council in 2011, which brought together local communities, business, labor, public finance and regional planning and transportation experts.

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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