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RAMP CLOSURE SCHEDULED THROUGH MAY AT BARRINGTON ROAD INTERCHANGE ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

*Closures scheduled to begin April 4 for interchange reconstruction
as part of the Barrington Road Interchange Project*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A new ramp closure and detour is scheduled to begin next week and continue through May at the Barrington Road Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Hoffman Estates. The closure is needed to accommodate roadway reconstruction and is part of the \$68 million Barrington Road Interchange Project scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Weather permitting, at 5 a.m. on Monday, April 4, the ramp carrying traffic from southbound Barrington Road to eastbound I-90 is scheduled to close with a detour. The posted detour will direct traffic south on Barrington Road, east on Higgins Road, east on Golf Road and north on Roselle Road to access eastbound I-90. Electronic message signs and detour signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers.

In addition to providing a safe work zone for construction workers and drivers, full closure of this ramp will allow this work to be complete in half the time. Up to 3,430 vehicles use this ramp daily. Closure of the ramp will accommodate pavement removal, drainage system installation and completion of roadway paving on southbound Barrington Road adjacent to the entrance ramp.

The closure of the ramp connecting southbound Barrington Road to eastbound I-90, will be the second ramp closure in place at the Barrington Road Interchange. Currently, there is a long-term closure in place on the ramp carrying westbound I-90 traffic to southbound Barrington Road. Traffic at this ramp is currently rerouted within the interchange to accommodate the ramp closure. A temporary traffic signal is installed north of I-90 to direct traffic at the interchange while the ramp is closed for reconstruction.

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 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 www.illinoistollway.com. Views of ongoing work at Barrington Road are updated every 15 minutes and available online.



Work Zone Safety

A 35 mph work zone speed limit is in effect in the construction zone on Barrington Road. 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.

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:

- 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 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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