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TEMPORARY, OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED THROUGH JULY AT BARRINGTON ROAD INTERCHANGE ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

Closures scheduled to begin this week for bridge reconstruction as part of the Barrington Road Interchange Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Temporary, overnight ramp closures at the Barrington Road Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Hoffman Estates are scheduled to begin this week for bridge reconstruction and continue through July. The interchange remains open during reconstruction and is part of the \$68 million Barrington Road Interchange Project scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Overnight closures of the ramp carrying southbound Barrington Road traffic to eastbound I-90 are scheduled to begin Friday night, July 17, and continue through the end of the month. The ramp carrying northbound Barrington Road traffic to eastbound I-90 will remain open to traffic. Electronic message signs will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight ramp closures.

Weather permitting, the overnight ramp closures are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 17. The ramp will reopen by 5 a.m. on Saturday, July 18. Overnight ramp closures will continue through the end of July, following the same schedule.

Closures are necessary because the ramp is directly under the bridge where reconstruction work is underway. Work will be done during overnight hours to minimize the impact on traffic.

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 project will complete an existing partial interchange that currently only

provides access to and from the east and provide access to a future Park & Ride facility planned by Pace. The project will create one, four-way signalized intersection on the Barrington Road Bridge and includes reconstruction of the existing ramps on the east side and construction of new access to and from the west.

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 (IDOT) and the village of Hoffman Estates. In addition, 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 by the end of 2016.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

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

- <u>www.illinoistollway.com</u> Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI Daily lane closure information
- <u>www.travelmidwest.com</u> 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 and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Project, Illiana Expressway and other 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).