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LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES TO BEGIN AT EAST RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) NORTH OF ROCKFORD

All ramps and toll plazas remain open during construction

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Ramp repairs requiring long-term lane closures at the East Riverside Boulevard Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) north of Rockford are scheduled to begin this week and continue into fall. Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance on each ramp to alert drivers to the scheduled lane closures.

The Illinois Tollway is repairing pavement, guardrails, barrier walls, curbs and gutters on the ramps at the Illinois Route 173 and East Riverside Boulevard Interchanges. Work at the Illinois Route 173 Interchange is scheduled to be complete this week, which will allow the Tollway to begin work at the East Riverside Boulevard Interchange.

Work at the East Riverside Boulevard (Plaza 2) Interchange is scheduled to begin on Friday, August 21, on the eastbound entrance and westbound exit ramps at I-90 and be complete in late September. Work will begin with the closure of the I-PASS or Pay Online lanes at each of the two ramp toll plazas for approximately two weeks. Once complete, the cash lanes at each of the two ramp toll plazas will close for approximately two weeks. Cash customers accessing the Tollway via the I-PASS lanes will need to pay online within seven days of using the toll plaza. Up to 7,270 vehicles use the two ramps on a daily basis.

While ramp repairs are underway, no more than one toll collection lane at each ramp plaza will be closed at a time. Each of the plazas has one automatic coin machine and one I-PASS or Pay Online lane. I-PASS customers will have access at all times, while cash customers will be directed to pay tolls online at www.illinoistollway.com within the Illinois Tollway's seven-day grace period when lanes with automatic coin machines are closed. I-PASS is accepted at all times in cash lanes throughout the Tollway system.

The Tollway is coordinating work at the Illinois Route 173 and East Riverside Boulevard Interchanges with the cities of Rockford and Loves Park, the village of Machesney Park and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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. Drivers should continue to 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 Tollway Keeps Drivers Informed

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- 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 and travel information
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- [www.twitter.com](https://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).

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