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**FRONTAGE ROAD TRAFFIC SHIFTS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS MONTH
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 390 TOLLWAY**

*Frontage road system to provide access to traffic during construction
of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between I-290 and York Road*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – Traffic shifts are scheduled to begin at the end of August to move traffic onto a new frontage road system along Thorndale Avenue between I-290 and York Road to allow for the construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway east toward O’Hare International Airport.

As part of the Illinois Route 390 Project, the Illinois Tollway is improving and constructing new local access roads along Thorndale Avenue, including a new system of frontage roads. New frontage roads will accommodate local traffic and will provide existing businesses and residential areas with access to the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to dates and times for the scheduled traffic shifts. The traffic shifts are necessary to provide a work zone that safely accommodates the construction of the new roadway. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Saturday, August 27, eastbound Thorndale Avenue traffic is scheduled to be shifted onto the new frontage road located to the south of the existing roadway. Westbound Thorndale Avenue traffic will continue to travel along a portion of the existing Thorndale Avenue, with the exception of the segment between Supreme Drive and Illinois Route 83, which will be shifted north onto the new westbound frontage road.

In addition, between Supreme Drive and York Road, traffic in both directions will be shifted onto a two-way frontage road located south of existing Thorndale Avenue.

Throughout construction, traffic will continue to have access to the frontage roads in both directions at I-290, Arlington Heights Road, Prospect Avenue, Mittel Boulevard/Mittel Drive, Wood Dale Road, Lively Boulevard, Illinois Route 83 (Busse Road), Supreme Drive and York Road. Traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of the cross streets with the new frontage roads to aid in controlling traffic.

In addition, on Central Avenue and Sivert Drive traffic will have direct access to the eastbound frontage road and will be able to access the westbound frontage road at Lively Boulevard and at the Illinois Route 83 Interchange. Dillon Drive and Edgewood Avenue traffic will have direct access to the eastbound frontage road and will be able to access the westbound frontage road at the Illinois Route 83 Interchange.

At Supreme Drive, northbound traffic will have access to the frontage roads north and south of Thorndale Avenue. Supreme Drive traffic north of Thorndale Avenue will be able to use the westbound frontage road to travel west to Illinois Route 83 to access the eastbound frontage road.

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All Thorndale Avenue traffic will remain on the frontage road until construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway is complete. Completion of the new Tollway between Rohlwing Road and Illinois Route 83 is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017. The new Tollway is complete, the frontage roads will remain in place to accommodate local traffic.

The Tollway is coordinating work with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Cook and DuPage Counties, 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.

Work Zone Safety

The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring that the Illinois Route 390 Tollway and other area roadways remain safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency’s overall commitment to roadway 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. On Illinois Route 390 a 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect throughout the construction season. Work zone speed limits are in place on other roads in the project area as well, including a 55 mph work zone speed limit on I-290.

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.

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, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

Illinois Route 390 Project

The Illinois Route 390 Project scheduled to be complete by the end of 2017 is providing an improved roadway 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. 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*.

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 292 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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