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**FRANKLIN AVENUE/GREEN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN BENSENVILLE, FRANKLIN PARK**

Long-term lane closures begin next week as part of Cook County reconstruction project, supporting Illinois Tollway's I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –Traffic shifts are scheduled to begin next week on Franklin Avenue/Green Street between York Road and Runge Street for the start of work on a Cook County roadway improvement project to accommodate the Illinois Tollway's I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange Project

Construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to new traffic patterns. Lane closures, traffic shifts and temporary driveway impacts on Franklin Avenue/Green Street are necessary to provide a safe work zone and accommodate traffic during construction. Up-to-date closure information will be posted on the Tollway website in the [Daily Construction Alert](#). All work is weather dependent.

Beginning the week of July 7, traffic will be shifted on Franklin Avenue/Green Street and a single lane will be maintained in each direction between York Road and Runge Street.

The work also will require some driveway access restrictions and utility service disruptions at select commercial properties along the corridor. Sidewalks along Franklin Avenue/Green Street will remain accessible where possible.

The traffic shift and lane closures are necessary to allow for the reconstruction of the westbound lanes of Franklin Avenue/Green Street, and utility improvements. Work on the eastbound lanes is anticipated to begin later in 2025. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2026.

Construction in this area is being coordinated with Cook County, DuPage County, Village of Bensenville, Village of Franklin Park and Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways, as well as local fire and police departments.

Cook County, in partnership with the Illinois Tollway and the villages of Bensenville and Franklin Park, is reconstructing Franklin Avenue/Green Street to expand the roadway to two lanes in each direction. This work will align with the ongoing Village of Franklin Park improvements east of Runge Street. The roadway reconstruction will also support connections to future ramps at the new I-490 Tollway via the Franklin Avenue Interchange.

The project also includes the addition of a new multi-use path and drainage improvements including storm sewer installation, watermain upgrades, construction of detention ponds and curb and gutter replacement.

The Illinois Tollway is constructing a new, full-access interchange connecting the I-490 Tollway to Franklin Avenue and providing direct access to the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and improving mobility in the communities of Bensenville and Franklin Park. The multi-phase project includes constructing new interchange ramps at Franklin Avenue, reconstructing Franklin

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Avenue/Green Street in partnership with Cook County, constructing a portion of I-490 Tollway mainline and improving local road connections to alleviate congestion and facilitate seamless access to the interchange. The interchange project is scheduled for completion in 2026.

Construction updates, project information, maps and detour information for the Cook County Franklin Avenue/Green Street Reconstruction Project are available on the Cook County's website at www.cookcountyil.gov. Information for work that is part of the I-490 Tollway Project can be found in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

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.

The Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the "Move Over Law" requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones or failure to comply with the Move Over Law. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$250 with up to a \$25,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker. Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 13 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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 294 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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