

Tollway Traffic Update

June 26, 2014

Snapshot of Tollway Traffic

- ▶ **Traffic had continued to rise year over year until 2004, and then declined when the Tollway began its systemwide construction program and was later impacted by the 2008-2009 recession**
- ▶ **Traffic started to rebound in 2010**
- ▶ **Late last year, we began to see a greater uptick in travel, with car traffic up three percent and truck traffic up six percent over the same six months of 2012**
- ▶ **In May, toll transactions were up 2.9 percent over last May**
- ▶ **Car traffic is up 2.8 percent; truck traffic is up 4.3 percent**



Result: Busiest Day in Tollway History

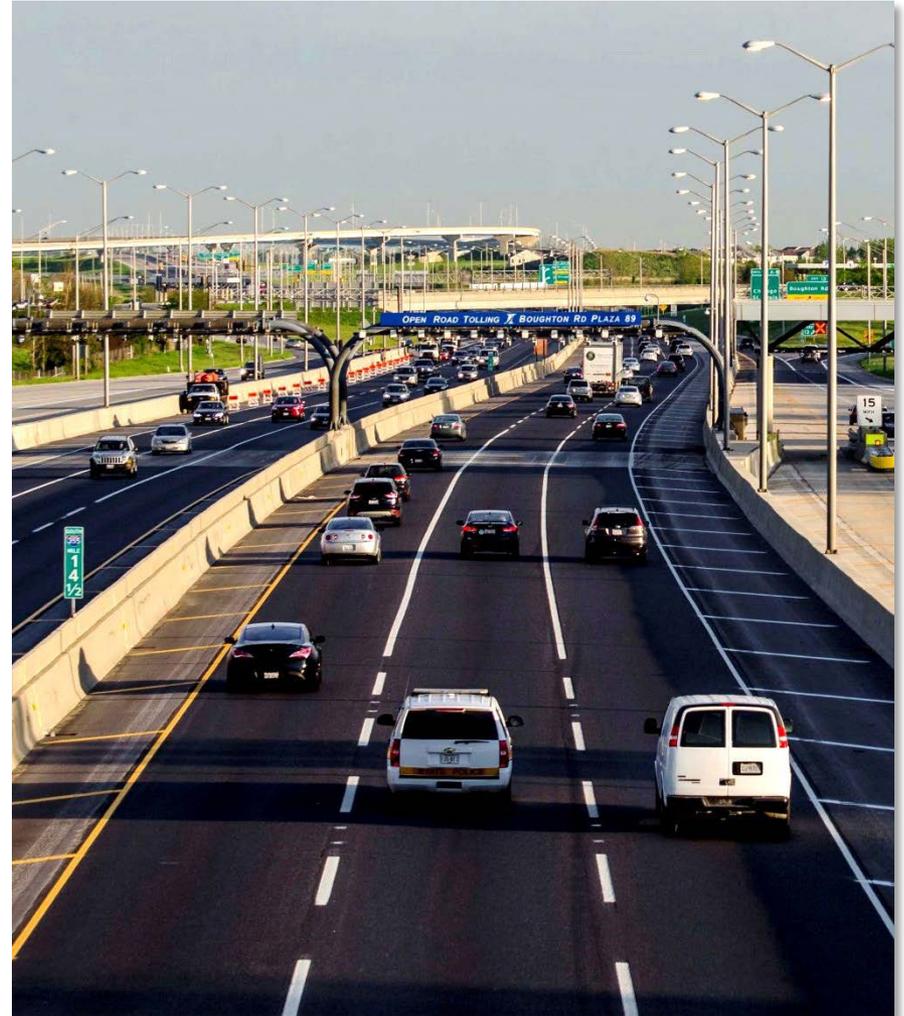
Ranking	Date	Total Transactions
1	Friday, June 20, 2014	2,832,352
2	Friday, July 29, 2011	2,805,177
3	Friday, August, 5, 2011	2,801,997
4	Friday, July 15, 2011	2,797,563
5	Friday, June 13, 2014	2,794,905
6	Friday, August 12, 2011	2,788,917
7	Friday, June 17, 2011	2,786,158
8	Friday, August 19, 2011	2,785,525
9	Friday, October 7, 2011	2,785,187
10	Friday, June 25, 2004	2,784,385

Busiest. Day. Ever.

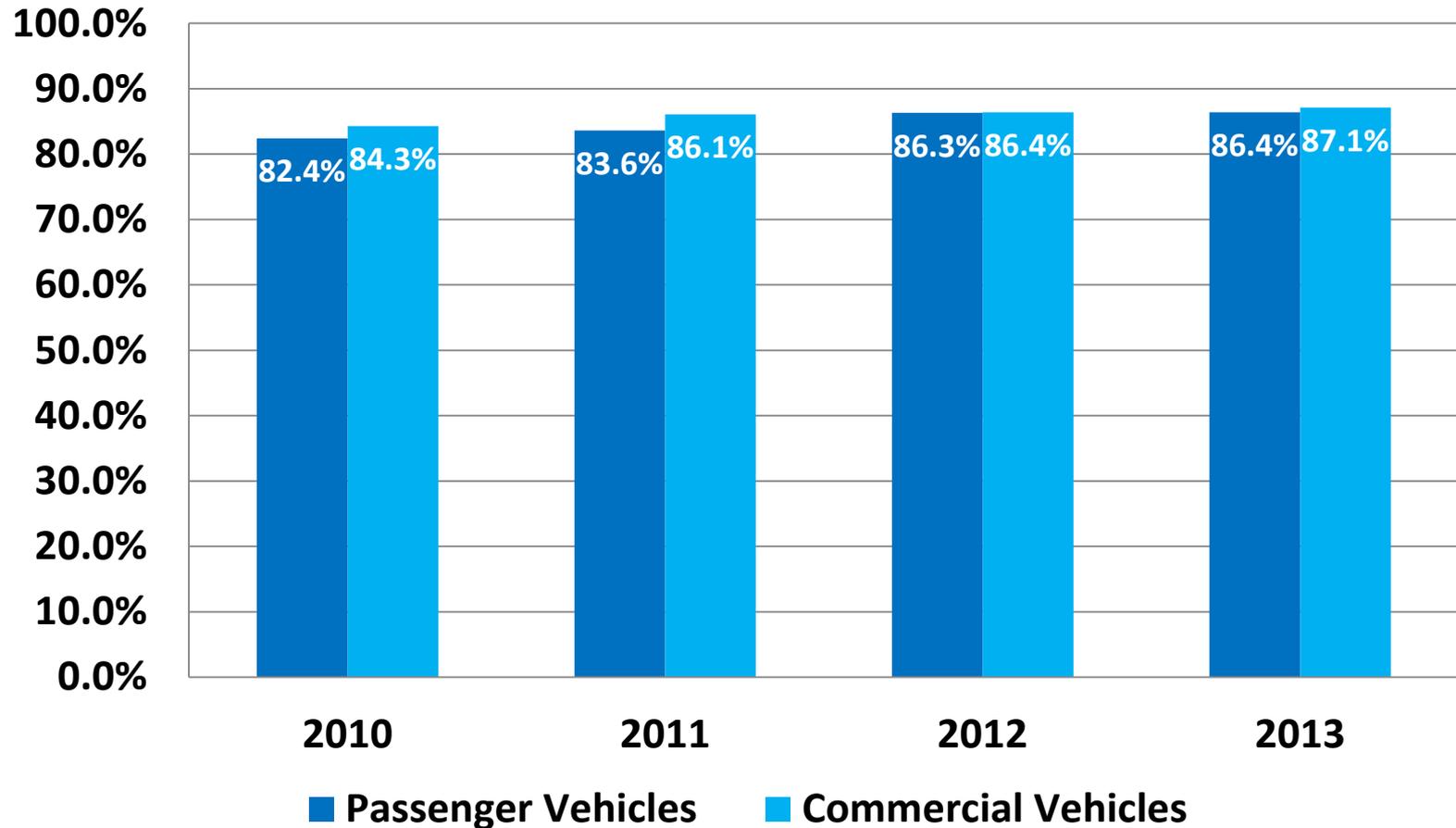


Why?

- ▶ Continuing economic expansion
- ▶ Growth in Chicago-area employment
- ▶ Ongoing realization of roadway investments made over the past decade
- ▶ *I-PASS*



I-PASS Continues to Grow



***I-PASS* transactions through May 2014 - 87.7 percent**

What's Next

- ▶ **Traffic Engineer estimates that record transactions will continue throughout this summer**
- ▶ **Summer Fridays generally the busiest days of the year**
- ▶ **Possible record-breaking days**
 - ▶ Tomorrow - Friday, June 27
 - ▶ Fridays, July 11, 18 and 25
 - ▶ Fridays, August 1 and 8



75 percent of Illinoisans plan to take a road trip this summer*

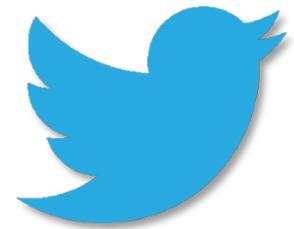


▶ Best time to start your weekend trip

- ▶ Thursday before 1 p.m.
- ▶ Friday between 10 and 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

▶ Know before you go

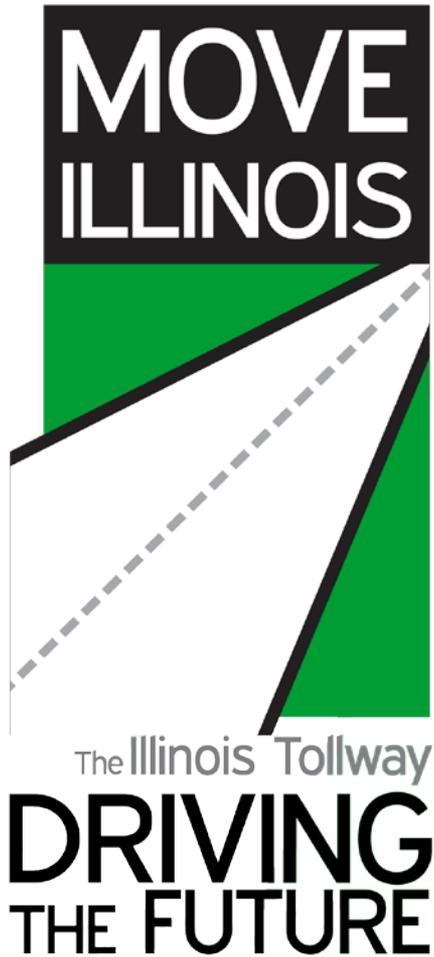
- ▶ Sign up for Tollway Trip Tweets
- ▶ View real-time Tollway roadway camera views
- ▶ Go online and check travel times via www.travelmidwest.com



▶ Tips for I-90 travel

- ▶ Consider using Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and I-39 as an alternate route when traveling between Rockford and Chicago
- ▶ Call *999 for roadway assistance – Tollway H.E.L.P. trucks and Illinois State Police are on patrol

*AAA, 50 miles or more



THANK YOU
