ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY EXPECTS MORE THAN 9.8 MILLION VEHICLES OVER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

I-PASS and Pay By Plate make it easy to help visiting family and friends pay tolls

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – With more than 9.8 million vehicles expected to travel on the Illinois Tollway system during this year's extended Thanksgiving holiday, the Tollway is reminding customers that I-PASS and Pay By Plate offer convenient ways to help visiting family and friends pay tolls.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, from Wednesday, November 25, through Monday, November 30, the heaviest travel is expected on Wednesday, when more than 1.9 million vehicles are projected to use the Tollway system. On an average day, more than 1.7 million vehicles travel on the Illinois Tollway.

"Thanksgiving is all about spending time with family and friends and we want to help make getting there as easy as possible," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. "Whether you're traveling in a rental car or welcoming guests from out of town, I-PASS and Pay By Plate make it simple to manage toll payments so you can spend less time worrying about the trip and more time enjoying the holiday."

The Official Illinois Tollway App makes it easy for customers to manage their toll payments from anywhere. Using the Official Illinois Tollway App or visiting www.illinoistollway.com, I-PASS and Pay By Plate, customers can manage their accounts and temporarily add rental cars or vehicles driven by family and friends visiting for the holiday. Pay By Plate allows drivers to pay tolls by setting up an account within 14 days of travel, while I-PASS customers with prepaid accounts can pay tolls in Illinois and 23 other states across the country including E-ZPass facilities to the east and new partners in the Central United States.

Be Prepared for Work Zones

To help make travel easier for drivers, the Illinois Tollway will suspend most temporary maintenance and construction lane closures from noon on Wednesday, November 25, through 9 a.m. on Monday, November 30. However, construction may continue in existing work zones to keep ongoing Tollway projects on schedule. Areas where ongoing work zones may impact traffic include:

Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80)

- Traffic is shifted in both directions between Cermak Road and the Lake Street Interchange.
- The ramps connecting westbound I-290 to northbound I-294 and westbound I-290 to southbound I-294 are closed and detours are in place.
- The ramp connecting northbound Halsted Street to southbound I-294 is closed with a posted detour.

Construction zone speed limits are in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drivers should watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present.

Dial *999 for roadway assistance

Calling *999 connects drivers with Tollway roadway maintenance crews who patrol the Tollway system 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, the Highway Emergency Lane Patrol (H.E.L.P.) supported by GEICO is also available to assist drivers from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Tollway's motorist aid patrols and H.E.L.P. trucks can assist stranded customers by changing tires, jump-starting batteries, adding coolant, dispensing fuel, transporting customers, moving vehicles away from traffic and calling for a tow truck.

Sit Tight. Choose Right.
The Illinois Tollway reminds drivers that If a vehicle becomes disabled on the Tollway, drivers should remain inside with their seat belts fastened, activate their hazard lights and dial *999 for assistance. Drivers should exit only when an immediate, life-threatening danger occurs, such as fire or smoke. In those situations, drivers should move to a safe location and call 911. The safest choice is often the seat you're already in. Sit Tight. Choose Right.

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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