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NEW ACORN LANE CONFIGURATION TO OPEN IN FRANKLIN PARK

Roadway reconstruction will accommodate construction of new Franklin Avenue Interchange as part of I-490 Tollway Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – A new permanent traffic configuration on Acorn Lane in Franklin Park is scheduled to begin this week as part of the Illinois Tollway's I-490/Franklin Avenue Interchange Project which will improve regional connectivity and access to local businesses in the area.

Construction signage will be put in place to alert drivers to the new traffic pattern. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Tollway website in the Daily Construction Alert. All work is weather dependent.

Beginning Friday, August 21, Acorn Lane will end in a new cul-de-sac, and direct access between Acorn Lane and Franklin Avenue will be permanently closed. A new connection between Acorn Lane and Addison Avenue will open to traffic to provide access to Franklin Avenue via Addison Avenue.

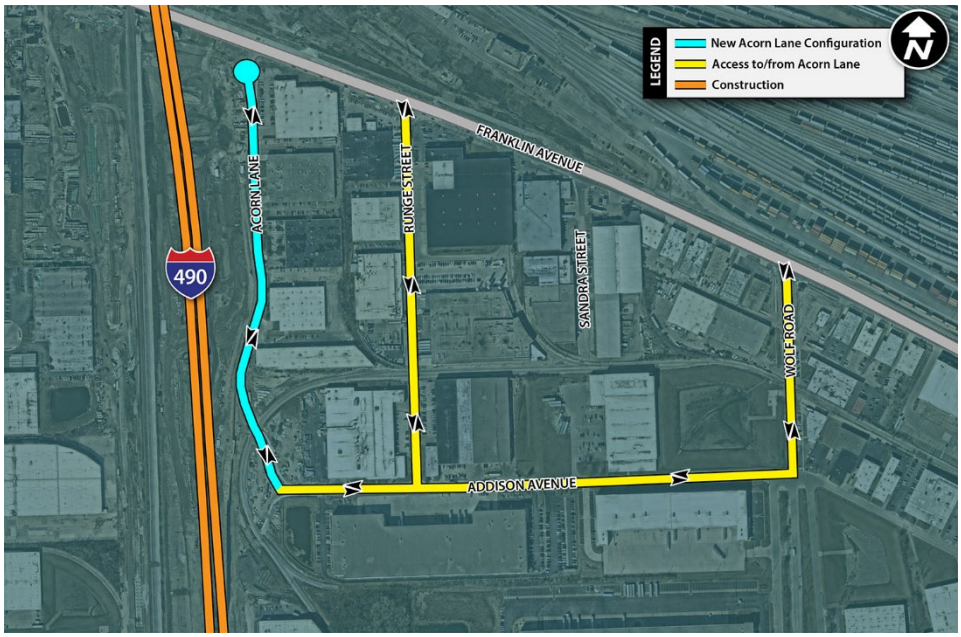
The completed work includes reconstruction of Acorn Lane, construction of the roadway extension connecting Acorn Lane to Addison Avenue and installation of new water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure.

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

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 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.

Project information and maps for the I-490 Tollway Project can be found in the Projects section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. Information about Cook County's Franklin Avenue/Green Street Improvement Project is available on Cook County's website at https://www.cookcountyil.gov/content/green-street-and-franklin-avenue-improvement-project-0 .



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 14 years of *Move Illinois* delivered 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 reconstructing 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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