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NORTHBOUND TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-294) TO CLOSE OVERNIGHT SATURDAY FOR EMERGENCY BRIDGE REPAIRS

Customers advised to seek alternate routes; detour will be posted

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – All lanes of the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and I-90 will be closed during the overnight hours from midnight, June 8, into Sunday morning for emergency repairs to the Balmoral Avenue Bridge. Southbound I-294 will remain open with lane reductions. Customers traveling northbound are advised to seek alternate routes or follow the posted detour via I-290.

The closure is needed so that workers can remove the beam that was damaged on Monday, June 3, when the bridge was struck by a truck traveling on the roadway. Once a new beam is fabricated, another closure will be required later this summer to install it and restore the bridge to its previous condition.

“Earlier this week, a dump truck traveling on the Tri-State Tollway hit the Balmoral Bridge at full speed, damaging the first bridge beam to the point where it needs to be removed and replaced,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. “While the bridge remains structurally stable and poses no risk to drivers, we always want to err on the side of caution when it comes to safety.”

Lane reductions will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, near the Balmoral Avenue Bridge with the full closure beginning at midnight to minimize the impact on Tollway customers. Lanes will be restored as soon as they become available with most lanes open by 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 9. Two lanes of southbound I-294 will also be closed near the bridge during this time. One lane in both directions will remain closed until noon on Sunday to complete the work.

Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route or follow the posted detour that will direct northbound traffic onto westbound I-290. From there, traffic will be routed onto eastbound I-90 before returning customers to northbound I-294.

The Illinois Tollway is coordinating work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, local municipalities and officials from nearby O’Hare International Airport. The closure may affect those traveling to O’Hare, and international travelers and airport employees are advised to leave early in order to arrive at the airport on time.

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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Northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294)

ROAD CLOSING: June 8 to June 9 (Midnight to 8 a.m.)

