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** MEDIA ADVISORY **

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY INVITES PUBLIC TO ATTEND OPEN HOUSES FOR I-90 REBUILDING AND WIDENING PROJECT

What: The Illinois Tollway will host two public open house meetings to highlight

construction work set to begin this spring on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway

(I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project.

When/ Where:

Tuesday, March 12, 4-7 p.m., at the Huntley Village Hall, 10987 Main Street

Thursday, March 14, 4-7 p.m., at the Belvidere Oasis, I-90 milepost 24

Why:

In 2013, construction will begin on the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project in the eastbound lanes between Elgin and Rockford, including work on mainline bridges and nine local crossroad bridges. In addition, work will include ramp reconstruction at the Business U.S. Route 20/State Street Interchange in Rockford. The Illinois Tollway is also scheduled to complete construction of a new, all-electronic interchange on I-90 at Illinois Route 47 in Huntley.

The open house meetings will provide members of the general public the opportunity to view informational displays, learn about upcoming construction schedules and ask questions about the project that will support economic growth, create jobs and improve access for Tollway customers traveling on I-90 between Elgin and Rockford.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's \$12 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. Move Illinois will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Extension and the Illiana Expressway.

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).