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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY SNOWPLOWING CONTINUES,
DRIVERS URGED TO TRAVEL WITH CAUTION

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway will continue to use all available manpower and equipment throughout the overnight hours to complete snow removal systemwide. Once the main roadways are clear, work will begin to remove remaining snow from roadway shoulders, ramps and toll plazas across the 286-mile system.

"Our full fleet of 182 snowplows have been out on patrol since early afternoon clearing the roads of snow and ice and helping customers in need of assistance during this storm," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "We thank our customers for their patience and remind them to travel with caution tonight as we continue working to keep our roadways clear."

Since the snowfall began this afternoon, the Tollway has helped nearly 50 motorists in need of assistance, providing services such as changing tires, charging car batteries, dispensing fuel, calling for tows and transporting customers.

For drivers traveling this evening, the Tollway provides the following tips:

- Slow down and leave enough time to reach your destination
- Remember to always wear your safety belt and ensure children under the age of 8 are securely restrained in child safety seats
- Yield to snowplows and emergency vehicles
- Don't text while driving. It's illegal.
- Dial *999 on your cell phone to report incidents

The Illinois Tollway's Traffic and Incident Management System (TIMS) provides real-time travel times and roadway conditions via the Illinois Tollway's website, www.illinoistollway.com, and on over-the-road electronic message signs throughout the Tollway.

Drivers also can sign up for Tollway Tweets at www.twitter.com or from the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com to receive real-time information about roadway incidents, including the type of incident, location and impact on traffic to assist drivers in planning their trips. Tweeters can follow all four Tollway Trips or just the roadways that interest them. The four are Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 94/294, Tollway Trip 88 and Tollway Trip 355.

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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