



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY APPROVES BALANCED 2025 BUDGET**  
*New spending plan allocates more than \$1.72 billion in annual revenue  
and supports \$1.15 billion in 2025 capital investments*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors has approved a balanced 2025 Budget with \$1.72 billion in revenue allocated to fund maintenance and operations, debt service transfers and capital investments for the 294-mile system.

In addition, the 2025 Budget will allow the Tollway to commit \$1.15 billion for capital spending, including funding for the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the agency’s \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program and funds to begin the first year of the new \$2 billion Bridging the Future capital plan.

“This budget sets our spending at a responsible level that will keep our agency and system of roadways operating smoothly,” said Illinois Tollway Board Chairman Arnie Rivera. “We are committed to delivering the best possible service to our customers with the toll revenues we collect.”

The 2025 Budget includes a total of \$1.72 billion in projected revenue, an increase of 4.2 percent over 2024. This includes \$1.65 billion from tolls and evasion recovery, including an annual commercial truck toll rate increase initially approved by the Tollway Board in 2008. There is no increase planned for passenger vehicles tolls which have not increased since 2012.

The 2025 Budget will allow the Tollway to allocate more than \$1.249 billion for direct funding and debt service on capital investments, as well as \$470.6 million for maintenance and operations.

“In 2025, we will invest more than 72 percent of the projected revenue to maintain and enhance our roads, bridges and overall infrastructure as we continue to deliver improvements as promised in our ongoing *Move Illinois* Program and new Bridging the Future capital plan,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “Our goal is to leverage the Tollway’s resources to further enhance regional mobility and economic opportunities.”

Annual maintenance and operations spending in 2025 will provide for an Information Technology budget of \$45.5 million to modernize processes, \$63.2 million for the Roadway Maintenance budget and \$38.8 million budgeted for Security and Safety, including funding for a service agreement with the Illinois State Police. In addition, \$98.2 million is budgeted for Operations and Business Systems departments to provide customer services support and enhancements.

The Tollway’s 2025 capital program calls for investing \$1.15 billion in 2025 with \$363.8 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs, along with funding for key projects including:

- \$287.9 million to continue design and reconstruction work for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- \$412.6 million to continue planning and construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new interchanges connecting to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the

Illinois Route 390 Tollway, as well as providing direct access in and out of O'Hare International Airport as part of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.

The Tollway also plans to issue \$500 million in new bonds in 2025 to provide funding for capital program investments.

The 2025 Budget Book will be finalized and posted on the Illinois Tollway website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) for public viewing.

**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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