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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$200 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AT SPECIAL SEPTEMBER MEETING

More than \$10.4 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved two construction contracts totaling more than \$200 million at a special September Board meeting, including contracts to continue mainline roadway reconstruction and widening on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Nearly \$990.1 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2022, as part of the 11th year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. To date, more than \$10.4 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.7 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 113,040 total jobs as of August.

“Our \$4 billion Central Tri-State Project will provide congestion relief, reconstruct old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs,” said Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “Construction contracts approved today will allow us to move forward with roadway rebuilding and widening in the critical center segment of this project, keeping our work on schedule for our customers.”

Construction contracts awards include:

- A \$104.1 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge reconstruction and widening between 47th Street and Ogden Avenue as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- A \$97.4 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for roadway reconstruction and widening between the Hinsdale Oasis and 47th Street as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

The contracts approved at the second September Board meeting include 16 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and one subcontractor that is certified veteran-owned firm. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 24.22 to 25.05 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.81 to 0.98 percent per contract.

Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. All contracts are presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval. The Illinois Tollway broadcasts all public meetings on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com. This includes all board meetings and public bid openings. Also provided is detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker.

Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction bid-letting schedules, professional service bulletins,

manuals and construction bid calendars. These resources can be found in the “Doing Business” section of the Tollway’s website.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 10 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering 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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