



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$12.7 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN APRIL**

*More than \$85.5 million invested in 2024 for Move Illinois projects*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved five construction contracts totaling more than \$12.7 million at its April Board meeting.

Nearly \$85.2 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2024, as part of the 13th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. The Tollway's capital program calls for investing \$1.4 billion in 2024.

"This month's contracts will allow us to continue progress on work to deliver the new I-490 Tollway as well as continue to maintain our existing infrastructure including bridges systemwide," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. "By adhering to a robust bridge inspection and monitoring program and then performing preventative maintenance when needed, we can prolong the life of Tollway bridges which maximizes the return on our investment."

April construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$9.2 million contract to Plote Construction Inc., Hoffman Estates, IL, for York Road reconstruction as part of the I-490 Tollway Project between Gateway Road and Devon Avenue.
- A \$2.2 million contract to Lorig Construction Company, DesPlaines, IL, for bridge rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Russell Road and Atkinson Road.
- A \$600,289 contract to Lizzette Medina & Co., Chicago, IL, for landscape planting improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street Plainfield Road.
- A \$382,078 contract to Areatha Construction Company Inc., Streamwood, IL, for bridge rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Southwest Highway.
- A \$353,942 contract to Terrazas, Monee, IL, for bridge and wall repairs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Illinois Route 53.

The April contracts approved today include 15 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as three certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 24.04 percent to 26.13 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.04 percent to 3.01 percent per contract.

Overall, more than \$11.1 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the program began in 2012, with more than \$2.9 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 130,780 total jobs as of March 2024.

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](http://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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 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 reconstruction of 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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