



Record of Meeting | October 22, 2025

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (“Tollway”) held the regularly scheduled Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in the Boardroom of Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove, Illinois. The meeting was held pursuant to the By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chairman Arnaldo Rivera and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*

[Bolded entries indicate issues which may require follow-up to present or report to Directors.]

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 9:04 a.m. asking the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Committee Members Present:
Committee Chair Connolly
Director Gary Perinar
Director Mark Wright

Other Directors Present:
Director Jacqueline Gomez
Director Manish Mehta
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera

Committee Members Not Present:
Director Scott Paddock
Director James Sweeney

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Public Comment

Committee Chair Connolly opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Committee Chair’s Items



Committee Chair Connolly stated that approval of **Committee Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the regular Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting held on September 24, 2025, will be deferred.

Having no further items, Committee Chair Connolly called on Executive Director Cassandra Rouse.

Executive Director

Executive Director Rouse introduced Jeff Allen, Deputy Chief of Program Implementation, to provide an update on the I-88 / I-290 Interchange at I-294. [See attached presentation.](#)

Committee Chair Connolly thanked Mr. Allen for the presentation.

Items for Consideration

Engineering

Executive Director Rouse requested that Engineering Items 1 and 2 be deferred to a future meeting. She asked Manar Nashif, Chief Engineering Officer, to present to the Committee the remaining items:

Item 1: Award of Contract I-25-4766 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between Mile Post 3.3 (Irving Park Road) and Mile Post 4.3 (Devon Avenue) in the amount of \$39,079,595.62. [Deferred]

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-25-9305 to Western Utility LLC for Fiber Optic System Construction Systemwide in the amount of \$3,908,235.88. [Deferred]

Item 3: Acceptance of Proposal from Illinois Construction & Environmental Consulting, Inc. on Contract I-25-4769 for Roadway Construction Management on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) from Mile Post 3.1 (Foster Avenue) to Mile Post 4.3 (Devon Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$5,550,000.00.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from GFT Infrastructure, Inc. (formerly known as Gannett Fleming, Inc.) on Contract I-25-2005 for Design Services for Bridge Reconstruction Design on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Mile Post 121.9 (Canadian National Railway) in an amount not to exceed \$7,270,899.60.



Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from Milhouse Engineering & Construction, Inc. on Contract I-25-2007 for Design Services for Plaza Improvements Design on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in an amount not to exceed \$2,493,027.65.

Item 6: Acceptance of Proposal from Delta Engineering Group, LLC on Contract RR-25-4993 for Design Services Upon Request Systemwide in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

Without objection, Committee Chair Connolly deferred consideration of Engineering Items 1 and 2 until a future meeting. Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 3-6. Director Perinar made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to approve placement of **Engineering Items 3-6** on the October Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Perinar made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Executive Director Rouse asked General Counsel Kathleen R. Pasulka-Brown to present the following item for the Committee's consideration.

Item 1: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to memorialize maintenance and future jurisdictional responsibilities for the comingled portion of I-490 and Illinois Route 19. Cost to the Tollway: \$0.

Upon conclusion of the item presentation, Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to approve placement of **Legal Item 1** on the October Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Perinar made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

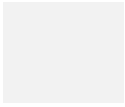
There being no further business before the Committee, Committee Chair Connolly requested a motion to adjourn. Director Perinar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.



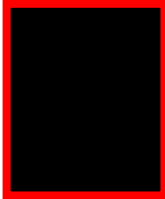
The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:26 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority



**INTERCHANGE
AREA**



\$700 million project to provide congestion relief and operational improvements

I-294 AT I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE

Project Complexities



#1

**congested
interchange**
on Tollway system

300,000

daily vehicles
(18% trucks)

15+

**local municipalities
and agencies**

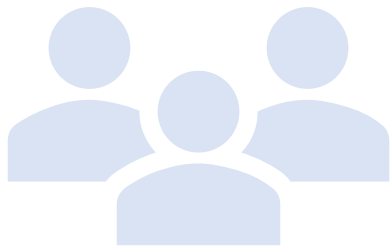
WORK TO DATE

Five contracts worth approximately \$652 million awarded to date

\$147.7 million paid to DBE firms

\$4.9 million paid to veteran-owned firms

130 unique firms involved in project



PROJECT BEGAN IN 2020,
TWO YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



**ComEd
Relocation**



**Northbound
Lanes**



**Auxiliary
Lanes**

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

Southbound lanes

Untangling the weave from EB I-290 to SB I-294/WB I-88

NB I-294 to WB I-290 fly-under ramp



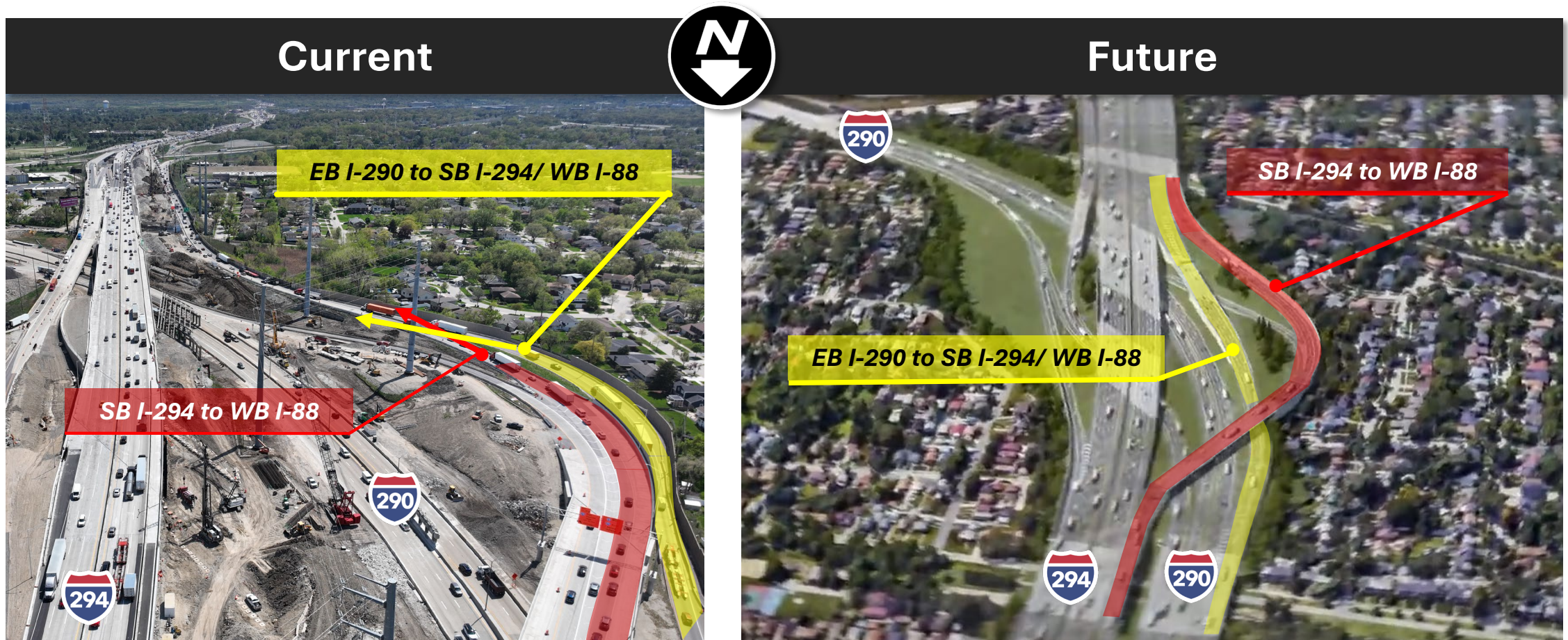
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I-290/I-88 INTERCHANGE DRONE VIDEO PLACEHOLDER
Roosevelt Road to I-290



THANK YOU