



## Record of Meeting | December 18, 2025

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (“Tollway”) held the regularly scheduled Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting on Thursday, December 18, 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

Given Director Connolly’s advance notice to the Board Secretary of his inability to attend due to business conflicts and given that a quorum of the committee was physically present, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Tollway By-laws, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to allow Director Connolly’s participation by audio conference. Director Paddock made such a motion, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 9:34 a.m. asking the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Committee Members Present:	Other Directors Present:
Committee Chair Connolly <i>[by telephone]</i>	Director Manish Mehta
Director Gary Perinar	Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Mark Wright	
Director Scott Paddock	
Director James Sweeney	
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera	
Committee Members Not Present:	
None	

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

### Public Comment



Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was offered.

### Committee Chair's Items

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Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Committee Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the regular Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting held on November 20, 2025. Director Paddock made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Having no further items, Chairman Rivera called on Executive Director Cassandra Rouse.

### Executive Director

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Executive Director Rouse introduced a video from the new Tollway Milestones series that covers ongoing work with the Chicago Department of Aviation on the new I-490 Tollway Project and highlights the Tollway's partnerships and coordination efforts with other agencies.

Executive Director Rouse introduced Jennifer "Sis" Kellen, Superintendent of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways ("CCDOTH"), to provide an overview of the CCDOTH and projects on which the CCDOTH and the Tollway are partnering. [See attached presentation.](#)

Chairman Rivera thanked Ms. Kellen for her presentation.

### Items for Consideration

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#### Engineering

Executive Director Rouse asked Manar Nashif, Chief Engineering Officer, to present to the Committee the following agenda items:

*Item 1: Change Order / Extra Work Order on I-21-4732 to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC for Railroad Bridge Construction Union Pacific Railroad and Earthwork on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) Franklin Avenue to South of Irving Park Road (IL-19) and Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Mile Post 62.00 and Mile Post 62.25 (Barrington Road) in the amount of \$6,750,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$244,844,441.11 to \$251,594,441.11.*

*Item 2: Acceptance of Proposal from AECOM Technical Services, Inc. on Contract I-25-2001 for Design Services for Bridge Reconstruction Design on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post*



15.6 (107th Street) to Mile Post 16.8 (Illinois Route 43 /Harlem Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$22,779,840.95.

*Item 3: Continuation of Services on Contract RR-21-9982 with WSP USA, Inc. for Consulting Engineer Services, Systemwide in the amount of \$57,400,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$117,755,968.00 to \$175,155,968.00.*

*Item 4: Continuation of Services on Contract RR-20-9981 with CDM Smith Inc. for Traffic Engineer Services, Systemwide in the amount of \$12,750,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$27,070,000.00 to \$39,820,000.00.*

*Item 5: Amendment to Contract 17-0002 with Adesta LLC for the purchase of Fiber Optic Maintenance and Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal).*

Upon conclusion of the presentation of items, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action **Engineering Items 1-5**. Director Paddock made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve placement of **Engineering Items 1-5** on the December Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

## Legal

Executive Director Rouse requested that action on Legal Items 1 and 2 be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session of the full Board meeting.

*Item 1: Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 135 for Telecommunicators. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.*

*Item 2: Approval of Amendment of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 336 for Call-Takers. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.*

Without objection, Chairman Rivera deferred action on Legal Items 1 and 2 until after consideration in the Executive Session of the full Board meeting.

## Adjournment



There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Rivera requested a motion to adjourn. Director Paddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:08 a.m.



Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_

Christi Regnery  
Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

 **COMING  
TOGETHER**



# **COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS**

*Superintendent Jennifer "Sis" Killen*

# COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS

## MISSION STATEMENT



*The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways goes beyond transportation; by promoting and investing in the region, we accelerate economic growth and foster thriving communities.*

# Cook County/Illinois Tollway Partnership



Currently partnering on **five** projects worth more than **\$175 million**

- North Avenue Interchange Project
- I-294/County Line Road
- Franklin Avenue/Green Street
- 88th/Cork Avenue at I-294
- Touhy Avenue

## Project Benefits

- Minimize disruption
- Economic development
- Equity
- Leverage funding and resources

## Multi-Year Collaboration

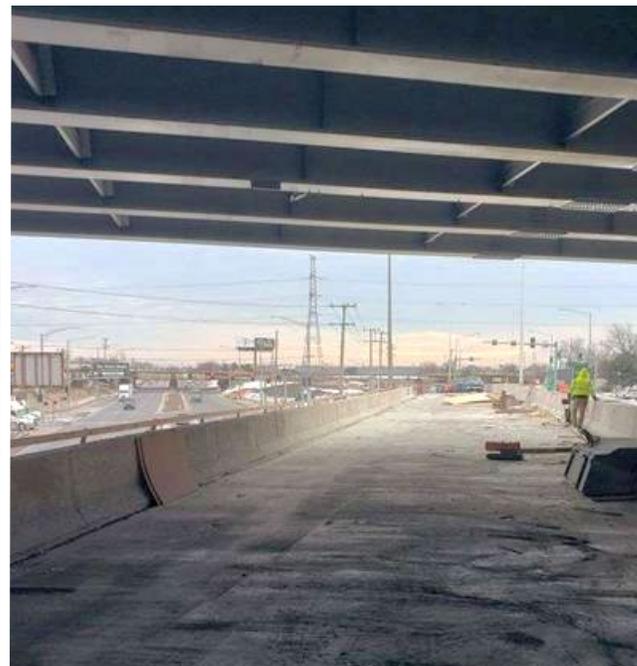
- Corridor advisory councils
- Partnering to deliver projects
- Local roadway improvements



# North Avenue Interchange Project at I-294

## OPENING SOON!

New interchange in Elmhurst/Northlake will eliminate out-of-direction travel, address flooding and provide improved access to underserved communities east of I-294



**Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways performed local improvements**

**Tollway constructed new ramp from southbound I-294 to County Line Road**

# Franklin Avenue/Green Street UNDER CONSTRUCTION

#1 FREIGHT  
PROJECT



Local improvements in **Bensenville/Franklin Park** to support new interchange connecting Franklin Avenue to the new I-490 Tollway and I-294

- Enhance **bike/pedestrian connectivity**
- Support **economic development**
- Improve **access to freight**



# 88th/Cork Avenue at I-294 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

#2 FREIGHT  
PROJECT



New access in Justice/Hickory Hills will eliminate out-of-direction travel, reduce congestion on local system and improve freight access to CSX Intermodal in Bedford Park



# Touhy Avenue Reconstruction STARTING SOON!

**LARGEST  
PROJECT**

Widening and reconstruction of Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines will **improve congestion, eliminate at-grade crossing, improve access to O'Hare, improve intersection at Elmhurst Road/Touhy Avenue and build a new Tollway bridge for I-490**





**NORTH AVENUE INTERCHANGE**



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**THANK YOU**



**I-490 AT FRANKLIN AVENUE/GREEN STREET**



**88TH/CORK AVENUE**