



Record of Meeting | February 19, 2026

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (“Tollway”) held the regularly scheduled Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026, 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 Sweeney’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, Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to allow Director Sweeney’s participation by audio conference. Director Paddock made such a motion, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Chair Connolly called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m. and asked the Board Secretary to call the roll. The Directors present and absent were as follows:

Committee Members Present:
Committee Chair Connolly
Director Mark Wright
Director Scott Paddock
Director James Sweeney <i>[by phone]</i>

Other Directors Present:
Director Jaqueline Gomez
Director Manish Mehta
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Chairman Arnie Rivera

Committee Members Not Present:
None

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 entertained a motion to approve **Committee Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the regular Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting held on January 21, 2026. Director Paddock made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

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

Executive Director

Executive Director Rouse introduced Chief Engineering Officer Manar Nashif to present an update on the Toll Plaza Program. [See attached presentation.](#)

At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, Committee Chair Connolly thanked Mr. Nashif.

Items for Consideration

Engineering

Executive Director Rouse requested that Engineering Item 3 be deferred to a future meeting. She then asked Mr. Nashif to present to the Committee the remaining agenda items:

Item 1: Award of Contract RR-25-2023 to Rausch Infrastructure, LLC for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from Mile Post 124.1 to Mile Post 136.4 and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at Mile Post 14.6 in the amount of \$4,499,070.12.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-25-4996 to Path Construction Company, Inc. for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 38.3 (Irving Park Road) and Mile Post 39.3 (CPKC) in the amount of \$9,049,581.31.

Item 3: Award of Contract RR-25-2035 to Valor Construction Services, Inc. for Access and Parking Lot Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 5.6 (Plaza 41 Markham Plaza) in the amount of \$499,315.00. [Deferred]

Item 4: Extra Work Order on Contract I-16-4669 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC for Roadway and Bridge Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access IL Route 390 and I-490 Interchange in the amount of \$650,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$181,790,009.71 to \$182,440,009.71.



Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. /OSEH Inc. /Alfred Benesch & Company on Contract I-21-4809 for Supplemental Construction Management Services for Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 27.8 (Ogden Avenue) and Mile Post 29.5 (Cermak Road) in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$15,900,000.00 to \$17,900,000.00.

Item 6: Award of Contract 25-0112 to Davidson Trucking, Inc. (d.b.a. Davidson Construction Supply) for the purchase of Asphalt Crack-Sealant Material in an amount not to exceed \$355,500.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Upon conclusion of the presentation of items, Committee Chair Connolly stated that Engineering Item 3 will be deferred to a future meeting. He then entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action **Engineering Items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6**. Director Paddock 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 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6** on the February 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 Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Executive Director Rouse requested that action on Legal Item 3 be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session of the full Board meeting. Executive Director Rouse asked General Counsel Kathleen R. Pasulka-Brown to present to the Committee the remaining agenda items:

Item 1: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for costs associated with replacing the I-90 bridge over Business US 20. Cost to the Tollway: \$0. IDOT is reimbursing the Tollway \$3,429,338.16.

Item 2: Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Police ("ISP"). Cost to the Tollway: Per fee schedule agreed to by the parties.

Item 3: Authorization to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Lorig Construction Company. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.



Without objection, Committee Chair Connolly deferred action on Legal Item 3 until after consideration in the Executive Session of the full Board meeting.

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

Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to approve placement of **Legal Item 2** on the February Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee’s recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock 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 Paddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority



TOLL PLAZA UPDATE

Manar Nashif, Chief Engineering Officer

February 2026



TOLL PLAZA UPDATES

A multi-tiered approach

1

Funded as part of *Move Illinois*

Address condition, safety and operational issues

2

Funded as part of *Bridging the Future*

Convert remaining ramp plazas

3

Future opportunity for repurposing

Mainline plazas with potential for redevelopment, innovation and coordination with adjacent projects

Objectives

- Convert to barrier-free system
- Improve traffic operations
- Address aging infrastructure
- Eliminate roadway obstacles



TIER 1 PLAZA STATUS

By the Numbers

23

plazas included

9

construction contracts awarded

\$147M

construction contract award value

\$34M

committed to DBE and VET firms

APPROACH TO TIER 1 PLAZAS

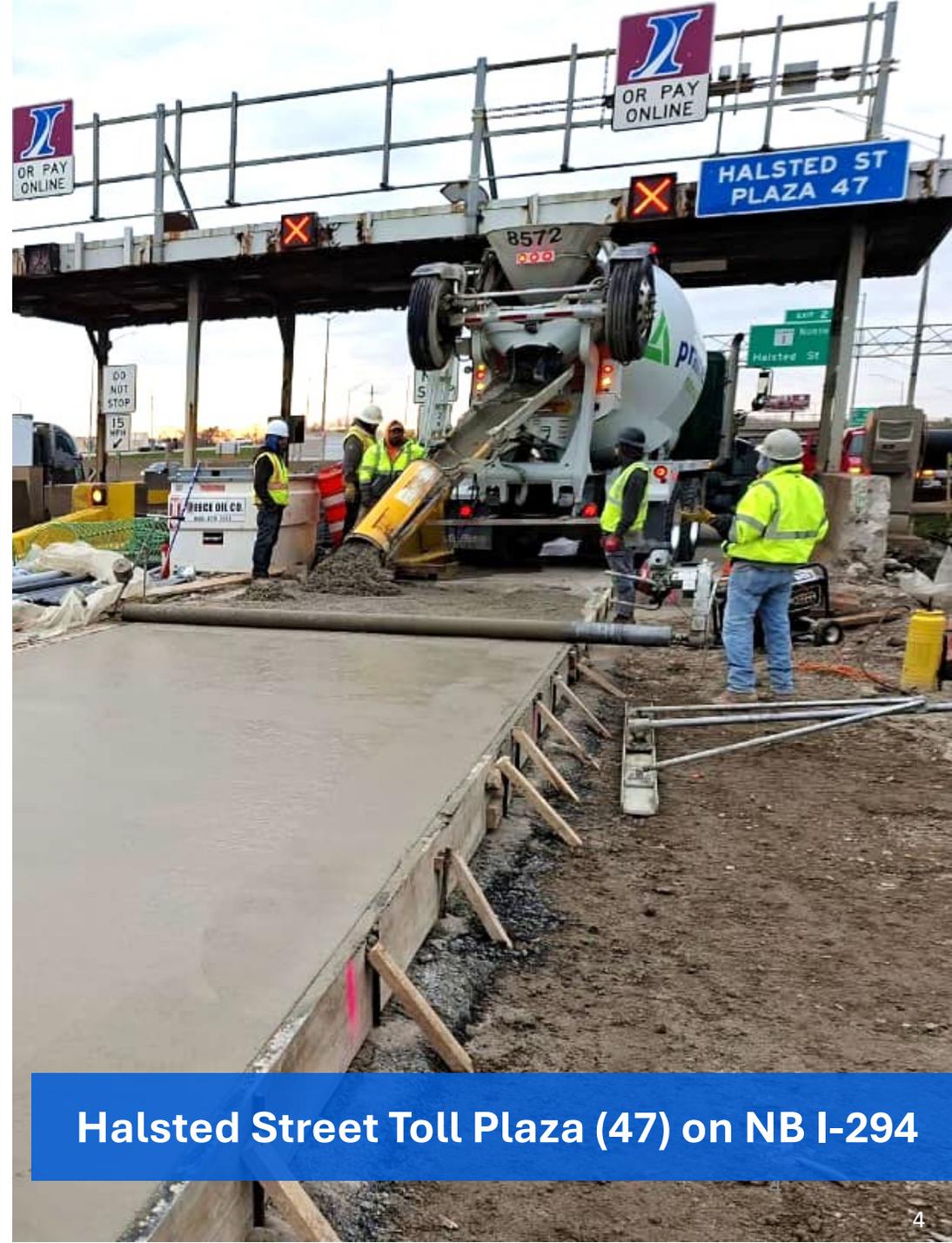
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- **Safety improvements** and condition assessment-driven
- **Eliminate hazards, eliminate recurring maintenance costs and downsize building footprint**
- Design to **accommodate future traffic and operational needs**



North Avenue Toll Plaza (75) on NB I-355

TIER 1 TOLL PLAZA PROGRESS



Halsted Street Toll Plaza (47) on NB I-294



**Arlington Heights Road
Toll Plaza (18) on WB I-90**



Golf Road Toll Plaza (28) on NB I-294

TIER 1 TOLL PLAZA PROGRESS

LOOKING AHEAD

Tier 2 Plazas



TIER 2 PLAZAS

2

- 26 plazas
- 8 construction contracts anticipated
- 4 design contracts underway
- \$226 million total improvements
- Construction scheduled 2027-2029

Ogden Avenue Toll Plaza (81) on NB I-355

LOOKING AHEAD

Tier 3 Plazas

Irving Park Road Toll
Plaza (33) on SB I-294



APPROACH TO TIER 3 PLAZAS

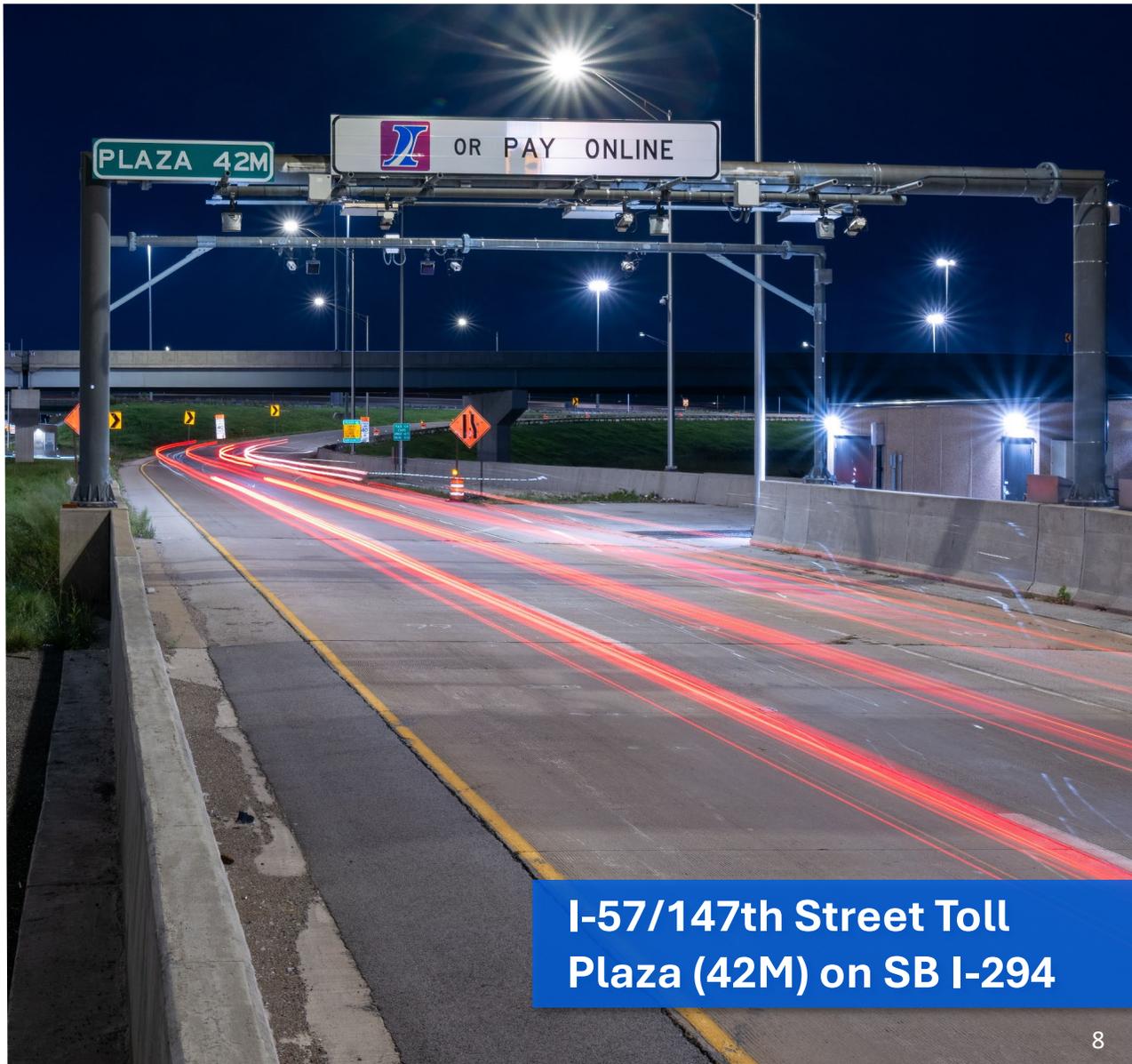
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- Formerly attended plazas
- Assess **current Tollway uses and needs**
- Opportunity for **3rd party involvement, partnering**
- **Board vision and guiding principles**
- **External engagement**

NEW TOLLING ZONES

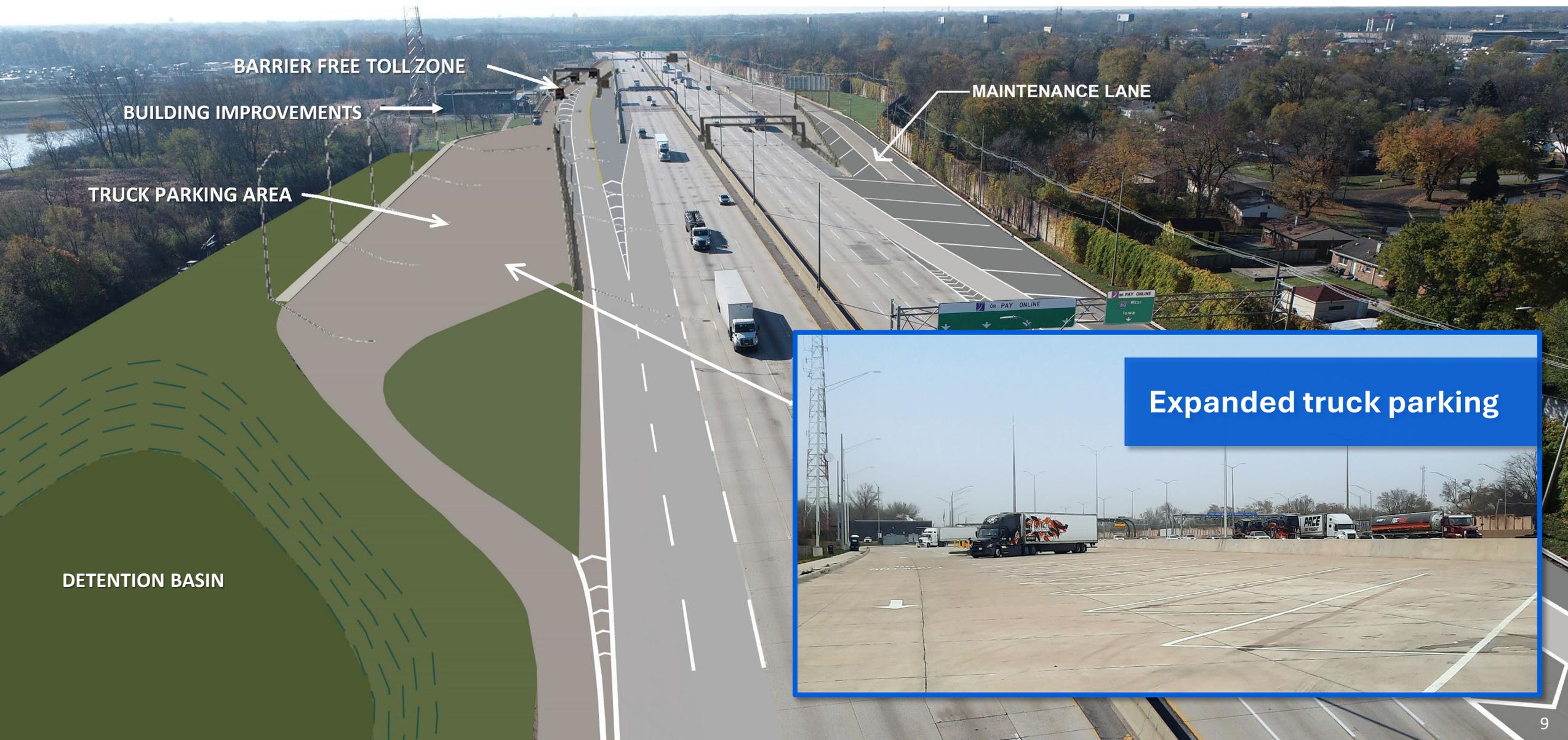


New County Line Road Toll Plaza (300) on SB I-294



I-57/147th Street Toll Plaza (42M) on SB I-294

I-294 MARKHAM PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS



BARRIER FREE TOLL ZONE

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

TRUCK PARKING AREA

DETENTION BASIN

MAINTENANCE LANE

Expanded truck parking



THANK YOU