

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$13 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION IN MARCH

Work in 2025 includes investments to improve traffic operations and safety

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved one construction contract totaling more than \$13 million at its March Board meeting.

Nearly \$117.3 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2025, including \$82 million as part of the 14th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois capital program and \$35.3 million as part of the first year of the 7-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future plan. The Tollway's 2025 capital program calls for investing \$1.15 billion.

"Today's contract includes work that will allow the Tollway to improve travel for our customers," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. "The work is part of our ongoing initiative to replace existing toll plazas with a barrier-free system to improve safety and traffic operations."

The March construction contract award is a \$13.8 million contract to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, for toll plaza improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway between Barrington Road and Arlington Heights Road.

The contract includes six certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as two certified veteran-owned firms. Commitment for D/M/WBE participation is 22.04 percent and commitment for veteran participation is 2.14 percent.

Overall, more than \$11.7 billion has been invested in capital improvements by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 139,860 total jobs as of February 2025.

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 <u>www.illinoistollway.com</u>. This includes all board meetings and public bid openings. Also provided is detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts in the Construction Contract Tracker.

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 13 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 Bridging the Future

Approved by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors In December 2024, Bridging the Future is a sevenyear, \$2 billion plan designed to continue infrastructure improvements, bridging the gap between the agency's current and next long-term capital program. Based on stakeholder feedback and engagement, Bridging the Future is addressing ongoing modernization initiatives and continuing to support investments in the people and firms working to improve regional mobility.

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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