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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$84.8 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS IN AUGUST

More than \$350.6 million invested in 2025 for Move Illinois and Bridging the Future projects

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved seven construction and professional engineering contracts totaling more than \$84.8 million at its August Board meeting, including construction and design work supporting ongoing toll plaza improvements systemwide.

“Contracts being approved today ensure we are continuing to advance improvements at toll plazas systemwide to support a barrier-free Tollway system and better serve our customers,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “This work will improve traffic operations, address aging infrastructure and eliminate roadway obstacles that are no longer necessary with the transition to cashless tolling.”

The construction contract awards in August include:

- A \$29.4 million contract to F. H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for toll plaza improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 159th Street and Cermak Road.
- A \$24.4 million contract to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, for toll plaza improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Orchard Road and Farnsworth Avenue.
- A \$9.9 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for installation of active traffic management systems, intelligent transportation systems and fiber-optic installation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between North Avenue and Balmoral Avenue.

The professional engineering services contract awards in August include:

- A \$7.7 million contract to V3 Companies, Woodridge, IL, for design services for bridge reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Chicago Road and Vincennes Road.
- A \$5.8 million contract to Gotham Engineering, dba RailPros of Illinois, Irving Texas / A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc., Chicago, IL, design services for bridge reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at the Union Pacific Railroad.
- A \$4.7 million contract to Bravo Company Engineering, Montgomery, IL, for design services for toll plaza improvements on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).
- A \$3 million American Veteran Engineering, Lombard, IL for construction management services upon request for intelligent transportation systems systemwide.

The August contracts include 35 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as eight certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 15 percent to 44 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.04 percent to 56 percent per contract.

More than \$350.6 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2025, including \$232.8 million as part of the 14th year of the Tollway’s 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program

and \$117.8 million as part of the first year of the seven-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future plan. The Tollway's 2025 capital program calls for investing \$1.15 billion.

Overall, more than \$11.9 billion has been invested in capital improvements by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.1 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 144,760 total jobs as of July 2025.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are selected in accordance with the qualifications-based selection process (Illinois Public Act 87-673 (30 ILCS 535/1-535/80) Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act), which requires state agencies to select professional architects, engineers and surveyors based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications. Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code.

The Illinois Tollway broadcasts all public meetings on the Tollway's website at 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 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 seven-year, \$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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