



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$9.2 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS IN NOVEMBER**

*More than \$12 billion invested in capital improvements since 2012*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$9.2 million at its November Board meeting.

Nearly \$398.3 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2025, including \$253.3 million as part of the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois capital program and \$145 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 \$12 billion has been invested in capital improvements by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, *Move Illinois* has created or sustained an estimated 147,600 total jobs as of October 2025.

"The Tollway's investments are continuing to ensure well-maintained infrastructure is in place to support the flow of goods and services throughout the region," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. "These types of contracts approved today are necessary to keep the Tollway in good condition for years to come."

The construction contracts awarded in November include:

- A \$3.9 million contract to Western Utility, University Park, IL, for systemwide fiber-optic system construction.

The professional engineering services contracts awarded in November include:

- A \$3.7 million contract to Bloom Companies, Chicago, IL, for construction management services for bridge rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Howland Creek and Steward Creek.
- A \$1.6 million contract to Structure Designs Inc., Chicago, IL for construction management services for bridge rehabilitation systemwide.

The November contracts include 10 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as three certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 27.66 percent to 90 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 5.93 percent to 10 percent per contract.

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](http://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 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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