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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY PROGRESS CONTINUES ON THE I-490 TOLLWAY PROJECT

August Board approval includes contract supporting construction management and delivery of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved a contract for continued corridor and construction management services for the new I-490 Tollway to complete the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project designed to alleviate congestion, improve regional mobility and provide western access to O'Hare International Airport.

These professional engineering services are required to effectively and efficiently manage 19 construction contracts required to complete work on the new I-490 Tollway corridor. In addition, services support ongoing coordination of approvals from federal, state, and local agencies as well as the Chicago Department of Aviation, Federal Aviation Administration and railroads.

"Good progress is underway throughout the I-490 Tollway corridor with interchange and mainline work continuing along with relocation of jet fuel pipelines serving O'Hare which is in preparation for additional major mainline work next year," said Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. "Today's action ensures we continue the work necessary to deliver the long-term mobility benefits the new tollway will provide for the region."

The August Board meeting includes two construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$24 million.

- A \$21.1 million professional engineering services contract to V3 Companies, Woodridge, IL, for construction corridor manager and construction management services (CCM/CM) for the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.
- A \$2.7 million construction contract to RoadSafe Traffic Systems Inc., Romeoville, IL, for sign panel fabrication and installation systemwide.

The August contracts include 10 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as Two certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22.06 percent to 30.19 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.01 percent to 3.07 percent per contract.

Nearly \$526.8 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2026, including \$225.5 million as part of the 15th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program and \$301.3 million as part of the seven-year, \$2 billion *Bridging the Future* plan. The Illinois Tollway's 2026 capital program calls for investing \$1.26 billion.

Overall, more than \$12.5 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.36 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 154,660 total jobs as of July 2026.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are selected in accordance with the qualifications-based selection process (30 ILCS 535) 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. During the first 14 years of *Move Illinois*, the Tollway has delivered 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 opened 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 of 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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