

# Managing Construction Changes

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## **Change is Common**



- Construction contract changes occur for a variety of reasons
  - Differing site conditions (unsuitable soil, unidentified utilities, etc.)
  - Specification changes
  - Schedule changes
  - Balancing for final field measurements
  - Errors and omissions
  - Miscellaneous (such as weather)
- Timely approvals are crucial to project delivery
  - Capital program investing about \$6 to \$8 million per day
- Details reported to the Board of Directors each month
- Illinois Tollway's change process is very effective
  - National average for highway construction is 5 to 10 percent compared to current Tollway capital program average of 0.4 percent\*
    \*American Society of Civil Engineers Journal of Construction Engineers

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- Contract Cost Change Controls Committee (C5)
  - Reviews and recommends construction contract changes
  - Reviewed by Chief Engineer (approve, reject, revise/resubmit)
  - Delegates signature authority per value of change
- Committee composition
  - Chairman appointed by the Chief Engineer
  - Two members appointed by the C5 Chairman (typically Tollway)

employees with design and/or construction experience)

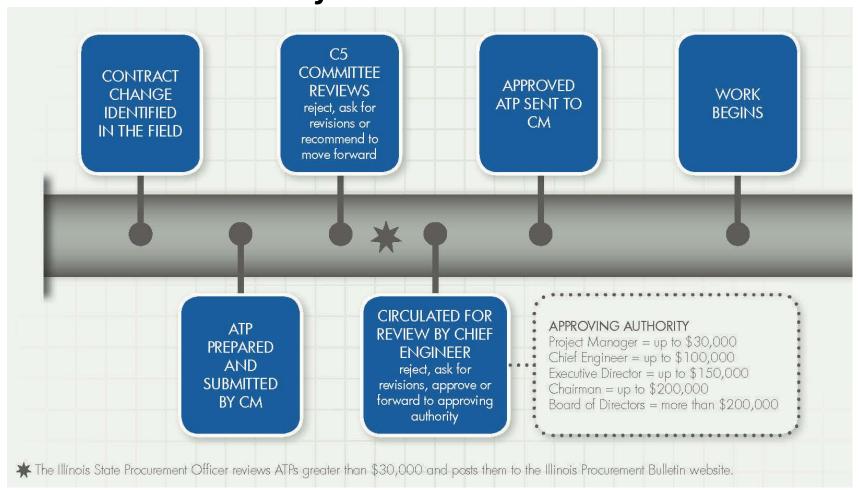
- Committee meets daily during peak construction months
- Representatives from Finance,
   Procurement and Audit
   Departments invited as observers

Authorization Limit	Approving Authority
Credits	Project Manager
Up to \$30,000	Project Manager
Up to \$100,000	Chief Engineer
Up to \$150,000	Executive Director
Up to \$200,000	Chairman of the Board
More than \$200,000	Board of Directors

## **Authorization to Proceed Process**



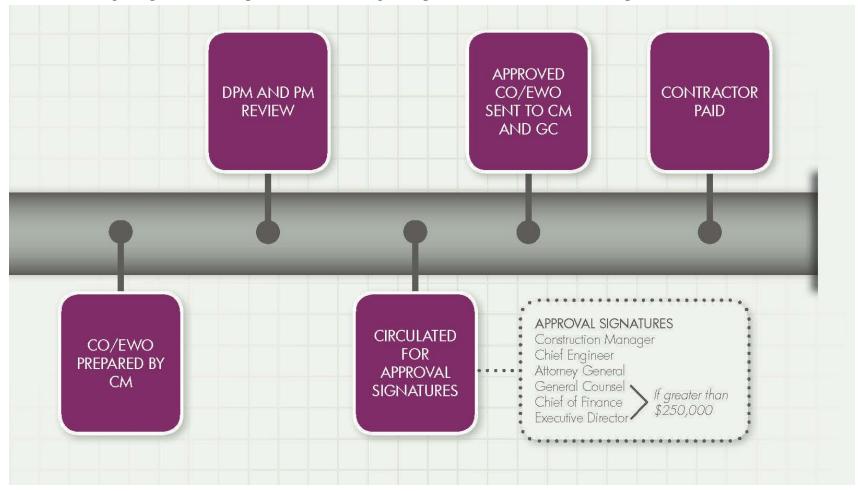
Allows work to move forward





## **Change Order/Extra Work Order Process**

### Allows payment for work performed in the field







#### Reputation for successfully delivering projects

- Delivered 80 percent of the 10-year Congestion-Relief Program in the first five years
  - Processed nearly 14,000 change orders/extra work orders
  - Resulted in modified cost less than one percent of total award amount
- Successfully delivered 37-mile I-90 western segment
  - Opened on time despite initial delays ranging from 15 to 118 days
  - Implemented successful mitigation strategy
  - Resulted in 2.67 percent (\$15 million) below established budget



## **THANK YOU**