



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$70.4 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS IN JUNE**

*More than \$304.3 million invested in 2026 for Move Illinois and Bridging the Future projects*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved nine new construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$70.4 million at its June Board meeting for work to advance ongoing projects and provide opportunities for small and diverse businesses.

“Supporting small construction and engineering firms benefits communities, our economy and the industry itself,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “Eight of the nine contracts approved today underscore the Tollway’s ongoing commitment to unbundling larger contracts into smaller jobs that give small and diverse firms a chance to compete.”

Construction contracts awarded in June include:

- A \$50.6 million contract to Aldridge Electric, Libertyville, IL, for installation of active traffic management systems, intelligent transportation system device, and fiber installation to support SmartRoad on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street and Balmoral Avenue.
- A \$2.4 million contract to Rausch Infrastructure, Des Plaines, IL for noisewall construction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Archer Avenue and 71st Place.
- A \$518,900 contract to Valor Construction Services, Crystal Lake, IL, for parking lot improvements at the Markham Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

Professional engineering services contracts awarded in June include:

- A \$3 million contract to Garza Karhoff Engineering, Chicago, IL, for design services upon request systemwide.
- A \$3 million contract to AAA Engineering/Legat Architects, Niles, IL, for facilities design services upon request systemwide.
- A \$3 million contract to Juneau Associates, Granite City, IL, for construction management services upon request systemwide.
- A \$3 million contract to TransLand Engineering Group, Aurora, IL, for construction management services upon request systemwide.
- A \$3 million contract to Program Management & Control Services, LaGrange, IL, for facilities construction management services upon request systemwide.
- A \$2 million contract to American Surveying & Engineering, Chicago, IL, for land acquisition services upon request systemwide.

The June contracts include 26 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as nine certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 20.10 percent to 73 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 1.51 percent to 45 percent per contract.

More than \$304.3 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2026, including \$47.6 million as part of the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program and \$256.7 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 \$12.3 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.3 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 153,720 total jobs as of May 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](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. 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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