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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN FEBRUARY *2026 capital program spending includes \$1.26 billion in infrastructure investment*

DOWNSERS GROVE, IL - The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved two construction contracts totaling more than \$13.5 million at its February Board meeting, including contracts that provide for maintenance of bridges throughout the Tollway system.

"Today's approvals include the first two contracts as part of our 2026 bridge repair and rehabilitation program," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. "This work, based on recent inspections, will focus on preventative maintenance that extends bridge service life and keeps our system in a state of good repair."

Nearly \$54.8 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2026, including \$47.3 million as part of the 15th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois capital program and \$7.5 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.

Construction contracts awarded in February include:

- A \$9 million contract to Path Construction Company, Arlington Heights, IL, for bridge rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Irving Park Road and the CPKC Railroad.
- A \$4.5 million contract to Rausch Infrastructure, Des Plaines, IL, for rehabilitation of five bridges on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).

The February contracts include four 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 19.01 percent to 26.44 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.79 percent to 3.01 percent per contract.

Overall, nearly \$12.1 billion has been invested by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 149,990 total jobs as of January 2026.

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. 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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