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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$30.4 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS IN MAY

Approvals include first construction and construction management contracts as part of the new Bridging The Future plan

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction and professional engineering contracts totaling more than \$30.4 million at its May Board meeting, including the first construction and construction management contracts as part of Bridging The Future.

“We are beginning to deliver contracts through Bridging the Future this year and we will continue ramping up opportunities for work as the *Move Illinois* capital program closes out its remaining years,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “We want to ensure that our investments remain consistent year-over-year and that the Illinois Tollway continues to be an economic engine for the region.”

Nearly \$179.6 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2025, including \$141.3 million as part of the 14th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program and \$38.3 million as part of the first year of the 7-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future plan. The Tollway's 2025 capital program calls for investing \$1.15 billion.

Overall, nearly \$11.8 billion has been invested in capital improvements by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.1 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 141,500 total jobs as of April 2025.

The May construction contract awards include:

- A \$13.3 million contract awarded to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, for toll plaza improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Illinois Route 31 and Illinois Route 59.
- A \$5.2 million contract awarded to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for drainage improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Atkinson Road and Townline Road.
- A \$3.3 million contract awarded to Martinez Frogs Inc., Melrose Park, IL, for drainage improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) near the 75th Street Interchange.
- A \$3.1 million contract awarded to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for southbound entrance ramp construction for the 88th Avenue/Cork Avenue Interchange Project on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$2.5 million contract awarded to MYS Inc., Palos Heights, IL, for bridge rehabilitation on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Rockton Road and Rote Road.

The May professional engineering services contract awards include:

- A \$3 million contract awarded to Lakeshore Engineering, Chicago, IL, for construction management services upon request on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

The May contracts include 13 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as 10 certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22.70 percent to 80 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.04 percent to 5 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. 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 on schedule and within budget, 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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