



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON TENTATIVE 2025 BUDGET**

*Balanced spending plan allocates more than \$1.72 billion in annual revenue and supports more than \$1.15 billion for capital program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway introduced a balanced Tentative 2025 Budget with \$1.72 billion of revenue today that includes \$470.6 million for annual maintenance and operations on the 294-mile system and provides funds to support \$1.15 billion in capital spending, including funding for the 14th year of the agency’s 16-year *Move Illinois* capital program.

“Tentative 2025 Budget provides a roadmap for the Illinois Tollway to meet its commitments to support customer service, safety and security, and to improve efficiency and day-to-day operations within a balanced spending plan, said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “We encourage the public to view the tentative budget and share their comments.”

As part of the Illinois Tollway’s 2025 Budget process, the general public is invited to visit the Illinois Tollway’s website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) to review the Tentative 2025 Budget book or view a recording of the presentation to the board. The public may also attend public hearings on Monday, November 18, at 6 p.m. at LIUNA 999 McClintock Drive, Suite 300, Burr Ridge or Thursday, November 21, at 1 p.m. at Illinois Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove.

In addition, written public comments also may be submitted online via the Tollway’s website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com), emailed to [info@getipass.com](mailto:info@getipass.com) or mailed to the Department of Stakeholder Engagement, 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515 by November 22.

After the Board of Directors has reviewed the public comments and any changes have been incorporated, a final budget will be presented for approval by the Board at its December meeting.

### **Tentative 2025 Budget**

The Tentative 2025 Budget presented to the Tollway’s Board of Directors outlines a balanced spending plan to support customer service, safety and security, and employee investments to improve efficiency, as well as the implementation of the largest capital program in the agency’s history. The proposed spending plan allocates more than \$1.249 billion for direct funding and debt service on capital investments, as well as \$470.6 million for maintenance and operations.

“In 2024, the Illinois Tollway made significant progress toward fulfilling its promise to Illinois drivers to provide systemwide improvements, as we reach the 78 percent complete mark for the major projects outlined in the *Move Illinois* capital program,” said Illinois Tollway Board of Directors Chairman Arnie Rivera. “In the coming year our engineers, construction crews and support staff will continue to focus on completing road projects as the Tollway’s other departments work to improve customer services for drivers on our 294-mile system.”

To support Tollway spending, the Tentative 2025 Budget includes a total \$1.72 billion in projected revenue, an increase of 4.2 percent over 2024. This includes \$1.65 billion from tolls and evasion recovery, including an annual commercial truck toll rate increase initially approved by the Tollway Board in 2008. There is no toll increase planned for passenger vehicles which has not increased since 2012.

The 2025 budgeted annual revenue also includes \$55 million from investment income and \$16 million from concessions and miscellaneous revenue. The Tollway also plans to issue \$500 million in new bonds in 2025 to provide funding for capital program investments.

Overall, the 2025 Budget includes \$470.6 million for maintenance and operations to support activities and services that focus on serving the Illinois Tollway's customers. This includes Information Technology budget of \$45.5 million to modernize processes, \$63.2 million for the Roadway Maintenance budget and \$38.8 million budgeted for Security and Safety, including funding for a service agreement with the Illinois State Police, as well as \$98.2 million budgeted for Operations and Business Systems departments to provide customer services support and enhancements.

The Tentative 2025 Budget also supports the Tollway's 2025 Capital Program that calls for investing \$1.15 billion in 2024 with \$363.8 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs to keep the existing Tollway system in good repair, as well as along with funding for key projects including:

- \$287.9 million to continue design and reconstruction work for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- \$412.6 million to continue planning and construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new interchanges connecting to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, as well as providing direct access in and out of O'Hare International Airport as part of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.

### **About *Move Illinois***

The Illinois Tollway's 16-year *Move Illinois* capital program 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 a completed 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 reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

### **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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