



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$7.7 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN JANUARY** *2022 Capital Program includes \$1.49 billion investment for 11<sup>th</sup> year of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved two construction contracts totaling \$7.7 million at its January Board meeting for work included in the Tollway’s \$1.49 billion capital spending commitment for 2022.

“Despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, our agency is continuing on track in our delivery of the Move Illinois capital program as we begin 2022,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “The Tollway remains in a strong position to continue to deliver critical investments into our regional infrastructure and economy.”

January construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$5.5 million contract to K-Five Construction Co., Westmont, IL, for systemwide pavement repairs.
- A \$2.2 million contract to Enlight Contracting, Chicago, IL, for water main construction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Mile Long Bridge.

The January contracts approved today include one contractor and six subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as two subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 23.80 percent to 55.09 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.59 percent to 3.34 percent per contract.

The Tollway’s 2022 Capital Program calls for investing \$1.49 billion with \$296.8 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs to keep the existing Tollway system in good repair, along with funding for key projects including:

- \$439.9 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.
- \$690.1 million to continue design and reconstruction work for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- \$46.2 million to complete construction of the I-294/I-57 Interchange.

Approval of the January contracts marks the start of the 11th year of the 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* Program. Overall, more than \$9.4 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the program began in 2012, with more than \$2.4 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 105,240 total jobs as of December 2021.

Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. All contracts are presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

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 through the Construction Contract Tracker. Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction bid-letting schedules, professional service bulletins, manuals and construction bid calendars. These resources can be found in the "Doing Business" section of the Tollway's website.

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

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 10 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 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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