

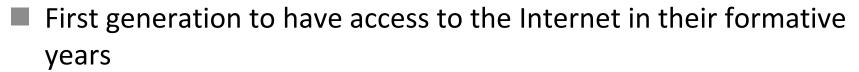
### Leveraging Technology to Enhance Customer Service

**December 18, 2014** 

#### **Knowing Your Audience**

"Millennials" were born between 1980 and the mid-2000s and are now the largest generation in the U.S.

- Represent one-third of the total U.S. population in 2013
- Most educated generation to date



- 75 percent have an account on a social networking site
- 25 percent believe that their relationship to technology is what makes their generation unique



#### A Sea Change...

- Changing how services are delivered rather than the services themselves
- Changing expectations about transportation
- We have begun to invest in improvements with millennials in mind
- **■** Tollway customers want technology
  - Twitter followers now at nearly 7,000 up 307 percent percent since late 2012
  - More than 40 percent of I-PASS customers opt to receive Tollway news via email





### **Technology is Changing the Tollway**

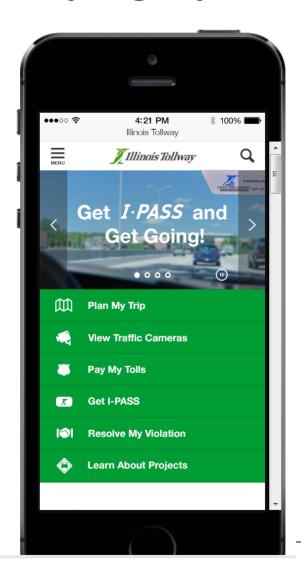


Percentage of users who are expected to access the Tollway's website from their smartphone or tablet\*

\*Based on previous year's growth



#### **Keeping Up with the New Millennials**



- Several new projects in development
- **■** Mobile applications
  - Hands-free, eyes-free travel application
  - ☐ Smartphone tolling application
- New website features and enhancements



#### Illinois Tollway SafeTrip

Challenge: Using mobile phones while driving is unsafe and state law bans the use of hand-held cellphones while driving in Illinois

Solution: New application broadcasts alerts based on GPS

location, including:

Traffic and roadway incident conditions

- Construction work zone information
- Bridge clearance level and weight constraints
- Tollway customer messages
- Special promotions and events



### Illinois Tollway SafeTrip

- Phase One Pilot Program In Progress
  - ☐ 30 Tollway employees
  - Android and iPhone devices
  - ☐ Two types of data sources
    - Automated roadway incident and lane closure data from TIMS
    - Manual interface
  - Additional alerts (plaza number, travel times, etc.) currently being automated



#### Illinois Tollway SafeTrip – What's Next

- Launch Phase Two Pilot Program on late-January 2015
- Will include 100 members of the general public
- First-come, first-served registration on the Tollway's website
- Will gather public comments and feedback
- Will provide input for procurement next steps





#### **Smartphone Tolling Application**

- Challenge: Acknowledge that not everyone is going to get I-PASS and find an efficient way for visitors and infrequent visitors to pay tolls
- Solution: Opportunity to be the first toll agency in the nation to pilot an Accenture smartphone tolling application

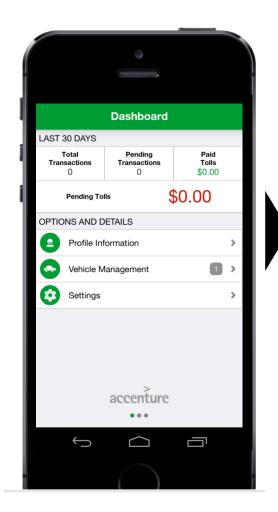


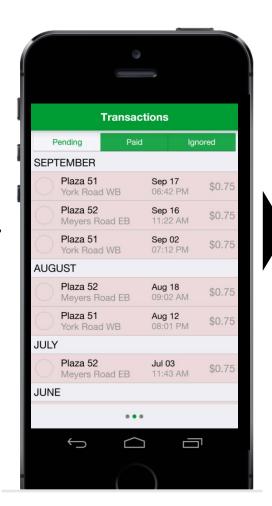
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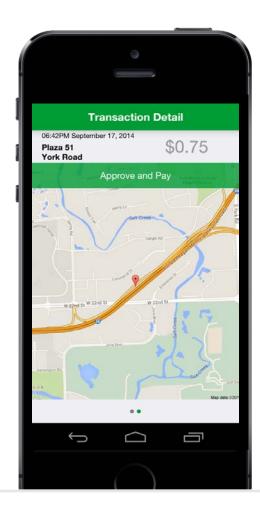
- Application "runs in the background" on the smartphones of drivers who opt in
- GPS activates application from passive mode to active mode as driver approaches toll plazas
- Cutting-edge innovation, especially for open road tolling environments
- One of four agencies currently testing smartphone tolling



#### **Smartphone Tolling Application Pilot**









# Smartphone Tolling Application Pilot – Results To Date

- Internal field tests conducted on four smartphone models with three different cellular providers over more than 4,000 miles of driving
- Tuned geographic configuration of nine toll points
- Emerging results
  - Battery consumption is better than anticipated
  - Accuracy of using cellular phone towers is worse than anticipated
  - Results vary by smartphone make, model and provider
- Shows real promise as "guest pass," not an I-PASS replacement

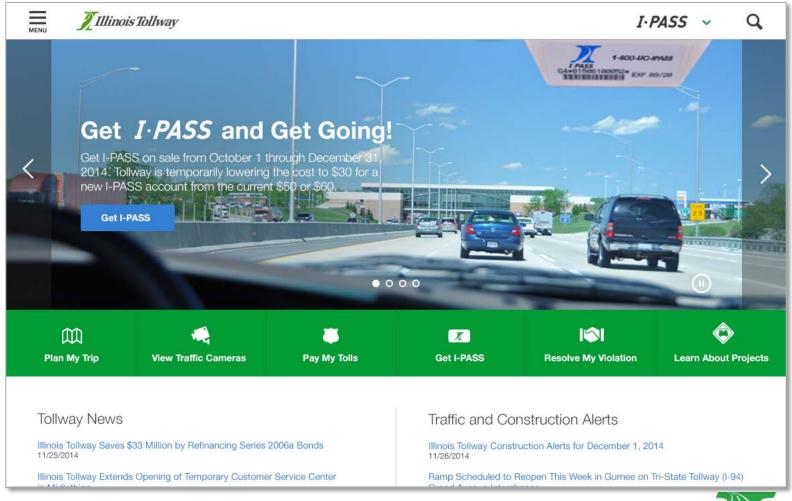
# New Tollway Website Design and Functionality

#### ■ Why now?

- Last major website redesign was nearly four years ago
- Major advances in website features and navigation since then
- Current opportunity to integrate website functionality with development of the new "back office" toll collection system
- Leverages consultant industry expertise, as well as their growing knowledge of Tollway operations
- Made progress enhancing post-pay functionality, but need to do more

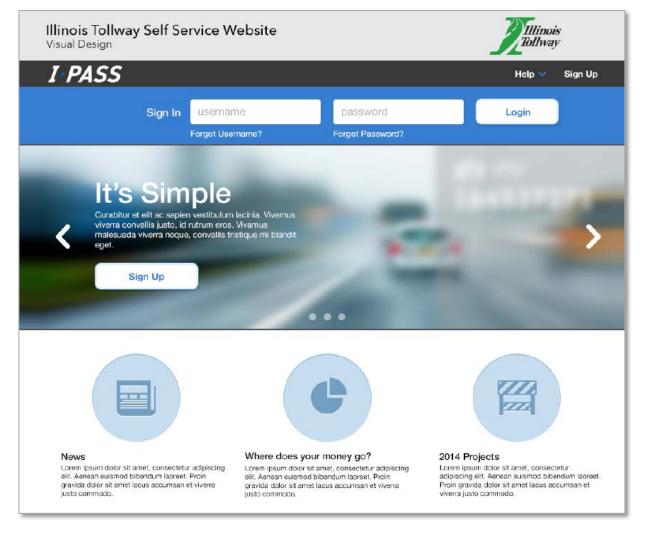


#### **New Tollway Home Page**





#### **New I-PASS Account Website**

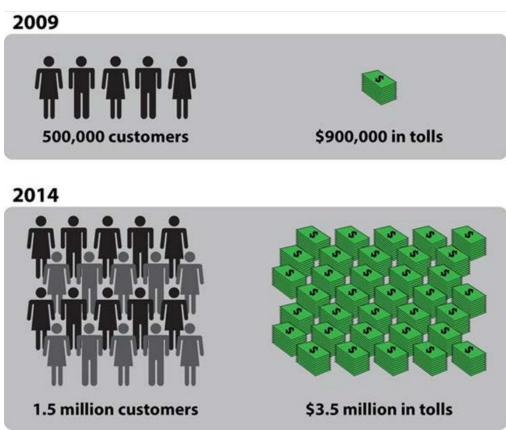






#### 7 Days to Pay Online is Growing





Online payments represent about 85 percent of all grace period toll payments

# New Options for Next Generation of Tollway Users

- Enhanced 7 Days to Pay feature
  - Improved navigation
  - Improved mobile access
  - Smartphone app for Trip Calculator
- New license plate search feature, enabling the identification and payment of missed transactions to avoid violations



#### The Next, Next Generation

- A recent study indicated that one-fifth of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders own their own cell phones
- 39 percent of 5<sup>th</sup> graders own their own cell phones
- 83 percent of kids in middle school own their own cell phone
- Last month, the U.N. announced that more people in the world have a mobile phone than a toilet







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