



Illinois Tollway Sustainability Policy

PURPOSE

This policy establishes a framework for ensuring environmental quality, social responsibility and economic sustainability for Illinois Tollway customers, contractors, consultants and employees.

COMMITMENT

The Illinois Tollway is committed to the safe and efficient planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of its 286-mile roadway system which spans 12 counties in Northern Illinois. The Tollway adheres to existing manuals and procedures designed to protect the environment and guide its decision-making processes.

This policy serves as a broad environmental commitment that extends to all Tollway departments and disciplines. The Tollway's environmental vision is outlined below to remind the agency and its consultants and contractors to think regionally, act responsibly, demonstrate stewardship and incorporate flexibility with changing regulation, technology and agency priorities. The Tollway's overall focus for construction and operations is on the triple bottomline approach to sustainability targeting environmental quality, social responsibility and the economy.

The Illinois Tollway's vision includes:

- Develop, maintain and update environmental manuals, policies and protocols that reflect regulatory requirements, as well as the agency's mission.
- Adopt agencywide operating procedures to reduce energy, fuel and waste.
- Invest in scientific research and use the results to guide decision-making.
- Create an energy efficient transportation system with the goal of reducing emissions, documenting consumption and establishing goals for conservation and efficiency.
- Promote policies that support or create economic development while also investing in long-term environmental stewardship.
- Support and coordinate with the regional land use, planning and environmental recommendations of

regional metropolitan planning organizations, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation Authority, other governmental entities, advocacy groups and non-profit organizations regarding energy and land conservation, waste management, sustainable design and use of Tollway land, transit accommodations, construction, maintenance and environmental procurement.

- Bring owners, operators, maintainers, planners, engineers, advocates and contractors together to evaluate and address environmental aspects and impacts of construction activities during all project stages and operational actions.
- Share expertise with federal, state and local governmental entities, the communities served by the Tollway, customers and employees.
- Meet or exceed all applicable laws, standards and regulations as they relate to construction and operations.
- Prepare and implement within one year of approving the policy a sustainability plan that documents the goals, action items and progress associated with the Tollway's environmental and energy policies and priorities.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be formally reviewed biennially. However, if substantial changes occur in legislation, organization and/or other business drivers, changes may be made on an interim basis. Additionally, progress made as part of the sustainability plan will be documented within an annual sustainability report. The Tollway will provide managerial support and dedicated resources to advance this policy, the accompanying sustainability plan, as well as the overall the environmental and energy vision.

COMMUNICATION

This policy is to be displayed prominently in all Illinois Tollway permanent offices, on the Tollway's website and incorporated in human resource materials.