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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN $124 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR WORK ON JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)
$2.2 billion project will begin in 2013 on western segment from Elgin to Rockford

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved five new construction contracts totaling $124.5 million for work on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project. The project scheduled for 2013-2016 is part of the Tollway's 15-year, $12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

"The Jane Addams Memorial Tollway connects two of Illinois' largest metropolitan areas, and this project will improve the lives of the millions of motorists who use it every year," said Governor Pat Quinn. "This infrastructure investment will modernize one of our most important interstates, put thousands of people to work and lay the foundation for economic growth for decades to come."

When complete, I-90 will consist of eight lanes from the Kennedy Expressway to Randall Road and six lanes from Randall Road to I-39. The road will also be built to accommodate new transit options and Park-and Ride facilities and host the first "green" interchange on the Illinois Tollway system.

"We are excited to be able to break ground this year on this $2.2 billion project that will transform the Jane Addams into a 21st century, state-of-the-art corridor linking Rockford to O'Hare International Airport," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "In addition to saving drivers $440 million annually in reduced congestion and delays, this project is expected to create as many as 11,500 permanent jobs within the Chicago region."

The Tollway has budgeted $415.2 million for this project in 2013. Including today's action by the Tollway Board, more than $377.6 million in contracts have been approved to date for the improvements on I-90, with 29 contracts awarded to construction and engineering firms.

In addition, today's five new I-90 construction contract awards include 27 subcontractors who are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprises with participation commitments ranging from 18 percent to nearly 21 percent per contract. Of the $124.5 million in awarded contracts, $24 million, or more than 19 percent, is committed to these firms.

Contracts awarded today include:

- Two contracts totaling $56 million with Curran Contracting Company including $24.6 million for eastbound rebuilding and widening between Anthony Road and U.S. Route 20 and $31.4 million eastbound rebuilding and widening between Genoa Road and Anthony Road.
- Two contracts totaling $49.5 million with Plote Construction Inc. including $32.4 million for eastbound rebuilding and widening between the Union Pacific Railroad and the Elgin Toll Plaza and $17.1 million for eastbound rebuilding and widening between U.S. Route 20 and Illinois Route 47.

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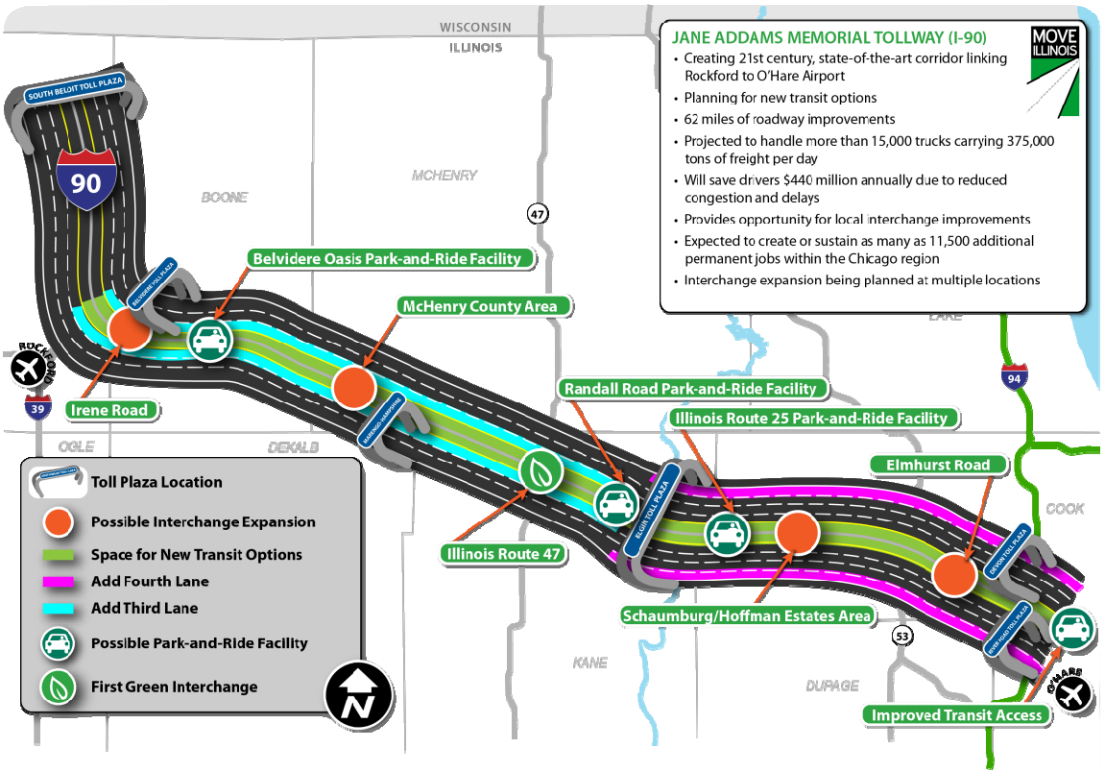
- An $18.9 million contract with F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates Inc. for eastbound rebuilding and widening between Illinois Route 47 and the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Illinois Tollway provides detailed information about current Tollway construction contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com<http://www.illinoistollway.com> and also hosts live webcasts of all construction contract bid openings. Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction and engineering letting and bidding 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 $12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Extension and the Illiana Expressway.

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).



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