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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$8.2 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN JANUARY *2021 Capital Program includes \$1.53 billion investment for 10th year of Move Illinois Program*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved the first four construction contracts totaling \$8.2 million included in the Tollway’s \$1.53 billion capital program for 2021 at its January Board meeting.

“We are looking forward to one of the busiest construction seasons on the Illinois Tollway in 2021, committing \$1.53 billion to keep construction industry firms and workers engaged in delivering major infrastructure improvements that will enhance mobility and improve service to customers,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “The contracts approved today will keep our existing system in good repair, with more new contracts coming in 2021 that will allow the Tollway to continue its work to deliver improvements for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and the new I-490 Tollway.”

Approval of the January contracts marks the start of the 10th year of the 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* Program. Through 2020, about \$8.7 billion has been invested by the Tollway since *Move Illinois* began in 2012, with more than \$2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. Of the nearly 1,530 firms that have or are currently participating on contracts during *Move Illinois*, more than 950 are working with the Tollway for the first time. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 90,670 total jobs as of December 2020.

The Tollway’s 2021 Capital Program calls for investing \$1.53 billion with \$312.2 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs to keep the existing Tollway system in good repair, along with funding for key projects including \$78 million for construction at the I-294/I-57 Interchange, \$690.4 million to continue design and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project and \$451.4 million to continue planning and advance construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new interchanges including direct access in and out of O’Hare International Airport as part of the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project

January construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$2.6 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for systemwide sign panel fabrication and installation upon request.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Herlihy Mid-Continent Co., Romeoville, IL, for structural repairs and noisewall construction along the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Belvidere Road and Lake Cook Road.
- A \$1.7 million contract to Utility Dynamics Corporation, Oswego, IL, for lighting improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between East Riverside Boulevard and I-39.
- A \$1.5 million contract to William Charles Construction, Rockford, IL, for pavement resurfacing on the Regan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Three Mile Creek and Red Brick Road.

The January contracts approved today include 12 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as one contractor and three subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 23.04 percent to 28.58 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.01 percent to 35 percent per contract.

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. 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 nine 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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