



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$332.2 MILLION IN OCTOBER FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS**

*More than \$9.2 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$332.2 million at its October Board meeting, including contracts supporting construction of the new I-490 Tollway and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

More than \$600 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2021, as part of the tenth year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. To date, more than \$9.2 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* 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 100,000 total jobs as of September.

"The Illinois Tollway is in the midst of two of the largest construction projects in this agency's history, and working with our Board of Directors to approve the right contracts at the right time is essential for our path to success," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. "Building a new railroad bridge to carry the Union Pacific Railroad's trains over the Canadian Pacific Railway's Bensenville Yard and removing the Hinsdale Oasis are critical projects necessary for us to deliver the new I-490 Tollway and reconstruct the Central Tri-State Tollway."

The contracts approved today include 27 subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and three subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 18.3 percent to 47.5 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.50 percent to 3 percent per contract.

Construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$214.8 million contract to Walsh Construction Company II for earthwork and construction of a new Union Pacific Railroad bridge over the Canadian Pacific Railway Bensenville Yard as part of the I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$4.1 million contract to Walsh Construction Company II for removal of the Hinsdale Oasis pavilion and bridge as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$113.3 million contract to WSP USA Inc. Consulting Engineer Services.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are selected in accordance with the qualifications-based selection process (Illinois Public Act 87-673 (30 ILCS 535/1-535/80) Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act), which requires state agencies to select professional architects, engineers and surveyors based on demonstrated competence and

professional qualifications. 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 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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