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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$109 MILLION IN NOVEMBER FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Nearly \$9.4 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three construction contracts totaling nearly \$108.8 million at its November Board meeting. So far, nearly \$709 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, nearly \$9.4 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 102,730 total jobs as of October.

“As the *Move Illinois* Capital Program advances, we remain committed to ensuring our contracts are right-sized to provide the opportunity for all sizes of businesses to work with the Illinois Tollway,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “This month’s contract awards offered three Small Business Initiative contracts along with a contract valued at more than \$100 million suited for large heavy-highway construction firms.”

Construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$107.4 million contract to Lorig Construction Co. of DesPlaines for railroad track relocation, retaining wall construction and earthwork as part of the new I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$1.2 million contract to Western Remac Inc. of Woodridge for overhead sign structure repairs on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Barrington Road and Higgins Road.
- A \$165,710 contract to Metromex Contractors Inc. of McCook for rehabilitation work on York Road between Thorndale Avenue and Supreme Drive as part of the Illinois Route 390/I-490 Tollway Interchange Project.

The contracts approved today include one contractor and six subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and two subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 27.14 percent to 42.01 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.80 percent to 3.02 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 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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