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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$45 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN JANUARY *Nearly \$7.2 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved the first two construction contracts totaling \$45 million included in the Tollway’s 2020 capital program at its January Board meeting, including a contact to build a new maintenance facility to serve the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and future I-490 Tollway.

Approval of the January contracts marks the start of the ninth year of the *Move Illinois* Program. To date, nearly \$7.2 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, began in 2012, with more than \$2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. Of the nearly 1,390 firms participating on contracts during Move Illinois, more than 845 are working with the Tollway for the first time. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 75,890 total jobs as of December 2019.

“We are looking forward to making great progress in 2020 on major capital investments that will enhance mobility and improve service to customers,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “The contracts approved today will keep work moving along on improvements for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and delivery of the new I-490 Tollway.”

In 2020, the Tollway’s capital program plans call for investing \$1.46 billion, including \$559.6 million to continue planning and advance construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new interchanges connecting to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, as well as providing direct access in and out of O’Hare International Airport.

To support maintenance and operations on the Illinois Route 390 and the new I-490 Tollway, a new Bensenville (M-16) maintenance facility will be built. The new maintenance site project will include construction of a 95,797-square-foot, single-story building adjacent to Illinois Route 390 that will serve as a fleet hub, maintenance garage and Illinois State Police office. The new facility is designed to optimize its efficiency to meet expanded system needs, as well as meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for sustainable design and construction.

LEED construction requires reuse and recycling of at least 75 percent of construction waste on site and use of recycle content and regional materials in the new facility. In addition, LEED design features will incorporate energy-efficient lighting, photovoltaic panels to feed power back into the grid and electric vehicle charging stations. The use of in-floor hydronic radiant heat and overhead natural gas radiant heat will be included to further reduce energy costs, along with water efficiencies through installation of low-flow fixtures and landscaping requiring little or no irrigation.

January construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$26.3 million contract to The George Sollitt Construction Company, Wood Dale, IL, for construction of a new Bensenville (M-16) maintenance site along the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.
- An \$18.7 million contract to Martam Construction Inc., Glen Ellyn, IL, relocation of the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District sewer as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

The contracts approved today include 25 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as two subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 30.28 percent to 35.04 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.17 percent to 20.53 percent per contract.

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 on the basis of 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. 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) and planning for emerging projects.

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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