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# Upcoming Large Contracts

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# Striking a Balance

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- ▶ **Package contracts with the customer in mind**
  - ▶ Safety of travelers and workers
  - ▶ Efficient delivery and administration
  
- ▶ **Provide a range of contract sizes and types**
  - ▶ Unbundling success continues – with upcoming Board approvals, will have awarded 15 so far this year, compared to 14 for all of 2012.
  
- ▶ **Like the Congestion-Relief Program, some projects are best suited for fewer, larger contracts**
  - ▶ Des Plaines River Valley Bridge (I-355)
  - ▶ Open Road Tolling Plazas
  
- ▶ **Consider cost impacts**
  - ▶ Encourage maximum competition
  - ▶ Get best value pricing

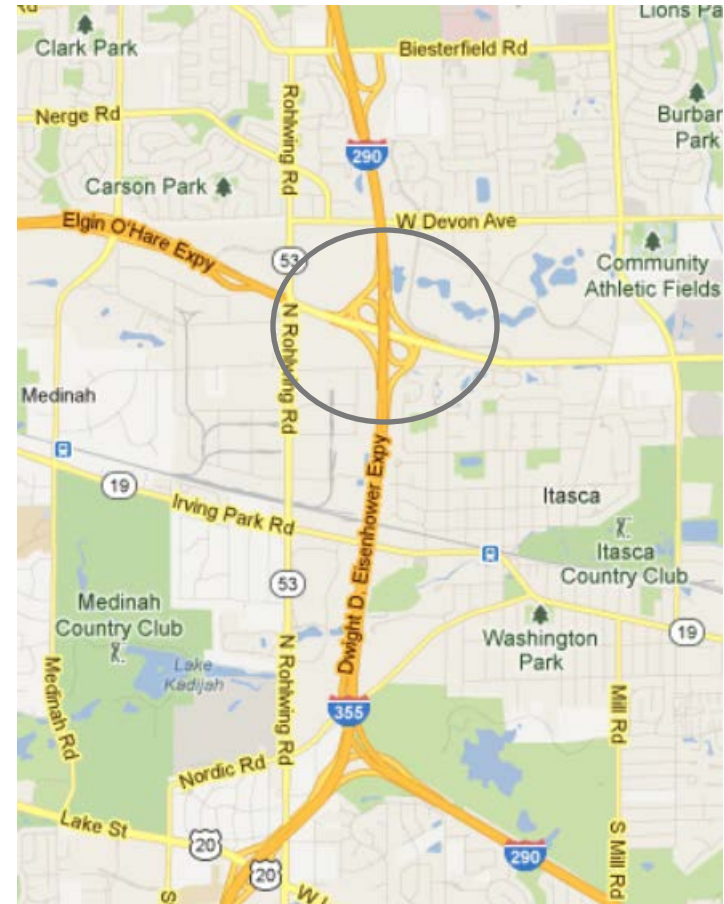
# I-90 Fox River Bridge

- ▶ Originally constructed in 1957
- ▶ *Move Illinois* = complete reconstruction and widening
- ▶ Scheduled to begin late 2013/early 2014 and completed 2016
- ▶ \$100-\$150 million
- ▶ **Features**
  - ▶ Limited work space
  - ▶ Environmental constraints
  - ▶ Complex maintenance of traffic
  - ▶ Completion requires more than one construction season



# Elgin O'Hare Western Access and I-290

- ▶ **New Elgin O'Hare Western Access/I-290 Interchange construction**
- ▶ **Scheduled to begin 2013 and completed 2017**
- ▶ **Two large contracts of \$50-100+ million**
- ▶ **Features**
  - ▶ Existing high-traffic congestion
  - ▶ Nine new bridges and 12 ramps
  - ▶ Demolish three existing bridges
  - ▶ Minimal area for construction staging
  - ▶ Complex system of detention sites and best management practices



# Benefits of Larger and Fewer Contracts for Complex Construction Sites

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- ▶ **Reduces impact to the customer**
  - ▶ Ability to better coordinate maintenance of traffic
  - ▶ Shorter construction duration affecting mainline traffic
  
- ▶ **Improves efficiency**
  - ▶ Improved accountability, coordination and response
  - ▶ Less mobilization and demobilization
  - ▶ More schedule flexibility within the contract
  
- ▶ **Promotes contractor innovation**
  
- ▶ **Decreases costs**
  - ▶ Reduced administration and overhead costs
  - ▶ Improved economies of scale
  - ▶ Improved schedule control

# Moving Forward

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- ▶ **Continue to provide contract opportunities for large and small contractors**
- ▶ **Evaluate projects individually and choose correct contract packaging size**
  - ▶ Maximize customer service and safety
  - ▶ Reduce costs and risks for schedule delays
- ▶ **Incorporate Small Business Initiative to promote a diverse spectrum of opportunities**