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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$266.3 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

More than \$8.3 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction contracts totaling \$266.3 million at its September Board meeting, including \$248 million in contracts for reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

“As we continue to work through the challenges of COVID-19, our agency is making tremendous progress on the projects and services that benefit our customers,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “Underpinning all of these changes, is our continued delivery of the *Move Illinois* capital program, where we continue to deliver projects and invest critical dollars into our infrastructure, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).”

The \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project is reconstructing and widening the roadway between Balmoral Avenue and 95th Street to provide congestion relief, update old infrastructure to meet current and future transportation demand and address regional needs. Work on the 22-mile corridor started in 2018 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2026.

Nearly \$1.2 billion in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2020, as part of the ninth year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. To date, more than \$8.3 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 86,670 total jobs as of August 2020.

September construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$124.4 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project roadway and bridge reconstruction between the 82nd Street Toll Plaza and 95th Street.
- A \$124.4 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project roadway and bridge reconstruction between I-55 and 75th Street.
- An \$8.7 million contract to Dunnet Bay Construction Co., Glendale Heights, IL, for reconstruction of the Stearns School Road Bridge on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94).
- A \$3.5 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for reconstruction of the Deerpath Road Bridge on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- A \$3.4 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, to supply intelligent transportation systems (ITS) materials for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project between 95th Street and St. Charles Road.
- A \$1.7 million contract to Semper Fi Yard Service Inc., Yorkville, IL, for landscape planting improvements, on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between DeKalb and Aurora.

The construction contracts approved today include one prime contractor and 26 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and one

prime contractor and 6 subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22.14 to 75 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.52 to 25 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 eight 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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