



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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CISCO RECOGNIZES JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90) REBUILDING AND WIDENING PROJECT AS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway has earned Construction Industry Service Corporation’s 2017 Project of the Year Award in recognition of the \$2.5 billion Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project. The award was presented today during CISCO’s annual Pride in Construction awards gala in Schaumburg.

The CISCO Pride in Construction Awards Program recognizes top quality union construction projects in six different categories. The I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project was selected as the top project in the infrastructure category because of its quality of construction, design features, safety record and positive impact on the community, according to CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen.

“The I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project was a great team effort and we are honored to be recognized by an industry group that promotes the workers who were instrumental in delivering this vital project for the region,” said Illinois Tollway Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. “The success of the I-90 Project demonstrates the value the Illinois Tollway provides customers and communities through its investments in infrastructure – improving regional mobility and opening access that drives economic growth.”

The I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project delivered the rebuilding and widening of 62 miles of roadway in each direction between the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) near O’Hare International Airport and I-39 in Rockford, as well as improvements to 16 interchanges and more than 100 bridges.

The four-year project involved more than 540 firms, including 415 construction companies and 125 professional engineering services firms, with more than 200 firms identified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise firms and veteran-owned businesses. The project employed approximately 650 construction workers.

“We are proud to recognize the Illinois Tollway’s I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project and its project team with this prestigious award,” said CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen. “Our Board had the difficult task of choosing one winner in each category, but what put the I-90 Project over the top was its impact on economic development, attracting business expansion and relocations along the corridor. The I-90 Project perfectly illustrates that the union construction industry produces the best product anywhere in the world.”

The I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project is part of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*. The I-90 corridor serves nearly 1 million travelers per day between Rockford and downtown Chicago via roadway travel and public transit, including CTA and Pace service.

In addition, to delivering a new roadway, the new I-90 features flexible infrastructure and technology to enable the Tollway to add new “smart” features as needed and introduced the region’s first SmartRoad, communicating real-time roadway and traffic information to drivers and delivering a 21st century

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corridor. Additionally, the project accommodates Flex Lanes for transit and direct access for the public to Pace Bus service for the first time in the agency's history.

Improvements on I-90 are projected to save drivers up to 30 minutes on the average trip from Rockford to O'Hare Airport, save drivers 27 minutes on the average trip from Elgin to the Kennedy Expressway and save drivers \$440 million annually in fuel and productivity costs.

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 six 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 interstate tollways 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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