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ELIZABETH 'LIZ' GORMAN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ILLINOIS TOLLWAY

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today named Elizabeth 'Liz' Gorman as executive director of the Illinois Tollway, effective March 1.

Gorman brings both public and private sector experience which includes leadership to deliver economic growth, transportation and public safety initiatives. In her role as executive director, Gorman will lead the Illinois Tollway, which oversees the state's 294-mile Tollway system and the agency's \$1.45 billion annual budget.

"On behalf of the Tollway Board of Directors, we are pleased to welcome Liz Gorman to the Illinois Tollway as Executive Director," said Tollway Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. "As a business and community leader, Liz Gorman provides an intimate understanding of the power of collaboration, technology and innovation. We have confidence that Liz's leadership will be an asset to the Tollway and its customers and her vast experiences will help to improve our transportation network for the region and the communities we serve."

"I would like to thank the Tollway Board of Directors and Chairman Schillerstrom for their confidence; I look forward to working closely with the Illinois Tollway team to maintain the agency's status as a national leader in transportation," said Gorman. "We have a robust capital program that will not only increase the vitality of the region's transportation network, but will also drive economic growth and job creation while ensuring an inclusive and diverse workforce."

In her role as executive director of the Tollway, Gorman will use her experience working with diverse stakeholder groups to build bipartisan consensus and advocate for legislative initiatives to streamline processes and drive efficiencies on Tollway projects, including state legislation that would enable design-build project delivery.

Most recently, Gorman served as the director of state and local government at PricewaterhouseCoopers where she provided valuable strategic planning and consultation to government and private industry.

Her public serve encompasses more than 13 years as a Cook County Commissioner. Through her leadership on efforts to streamline Cook County government and advocacy for issues creating better economic opportunities for her constituents, Gorman earned the reputation as a problem solver who can bring diverse groups together to build consensus. Gorman's public service also includes leading and serving on numerous Cook County committees including transportation, environmental, finance, IT, rules, audit, recreation, roads and bridges, health and hospitals, labor along with several other committees. She also oversaw the county's \$4 billion budget and a \$200 million Forest Preserve District budget.

As a former member of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC), which later merged to become Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Gorman worked with transportation

agencies to develop and shape a comprehensive land-use plans designed to benefit communities throughout the region.

Gorman earned her MBA from the University of Notre Dame and an undergraduate degree in marketing from St. Mary's University of Minnesota.

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