



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway received national recognition for its Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project during the ACEC Engineering Excellence Awards Gala in Washington, D.C.

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) presented Tollway Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom with a 2018 National Recognition Award yesterday.

“The Tollway project team successfully completed a complex rebuild and widening of I-90 despite tight confines, unique utility and environmental challenges and an aggressive schedule,” said ACEC President and CEO Dave Raymond. “The addition of advanced transportation elements such as SmartRoad and Flex Lanes makes the project extremely worthy of national recognition and praise.”

The ACEC Engineering Excellence Awards rates projects nationally and internationally on the basis of uniqueness and originality, technical innovation, social and economic value and generating excitement for the engineering profession. The I-90 Project was selected for exemplary engineering achievement due to the project team’s ability to successfully overcome numerous challenges to complete the \$2.5 billion project on time and within budget.

“The Illinois Tollway had a great team of professionals working together to make travel in the I-90 corridor faster, safer and more efficient for Tollway customers,” said Schillerstrom. “Our investments in I-90 are delivering the benefits we promised to our customers and the communities we serve – greater access that is stimulating economic growth and job creation throughout the region.”

Completed in 2016, 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.

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 in 2017, communicating real-time roadway and traffic information to drivers and delivering a 21st century 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.

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

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per day between Rockford and downtown Chicago via roadway travel and public transit, including CTA and Pace service.

Improvements 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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