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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY ADVANCES TWO NEW INTERCHANGE PROJECTS TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS

New agreements support new access in Sugar Grove and Marengo

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved two, multi-party intergovernmental agreements, one with the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the other with the City of Marengo, McHenry County and IDOT authorizing the financing and construction for new interchange projects to create access into the community and support economic development opportunities.

“These projects are bringing out the best from all involved in a show of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination of limited transportation funding resources,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Liz Gorman. “As part of our *Move Illinois* capital program, the Illinois Tollway has committed to invest in local interchange improvements like these that have the most potential to enhance regional mobility.”

The \$25 million Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in Sugar Grove will realign existing ramps and build new ramps to create a new, full-access \$25 million interchange. The project will also include rehabilitation of the existing Illinois Route 47 Bridge over I-88. Existing ramps constructed in the 1970’s only provide for travel to and from the west on I-88.

“A full-access interchange will put us on the map to kick start economic development and will open up access between the Tollway and along Illinois Route 47, a regional north-south transportation route extending from Wisconsin into Central Illinois,” said Sugar Grove Village President Sean Michels. “These are improvements that will benefit the residents and businesses in Sugar Grove as well as Elburn and western Kane County.”

The \$33.4 million Illinois Route 23 Interchange Project on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) will create a new, full-access interchange with local road improvements including construction of a roundabout intersection at Illinois Route 23 and Harmony Road and new roadway lighting. This will be the first direct interstate connection to I-90 constructed in McHenry County.

"This project is a great opportunity not only for Marengo, but for McHenry County and Northern Illinois as a whole. We hope it will attract much needed industrial development and bring jobs to the area," said Marengo Mayor John Koziol. I would like to thank the Tollway, IDOT and McHenry County for their continued support of this project."

The intergovernmental agreements will be approved by all of the participants and designate the Tollway as the lead agency for construction of both interchange projects. Construction is expected to begin in 2019, with completion of both new interchange projects by the end of the year.

Under the agreements, the Tollway has agreed to finance no less than half of each projects’ costs. Consistent with the Tollway’s Interchange and Roadway Cost-Sharing Policy requiring local communities to cover the remaining cost of interchange improvements, the local share will be split: IDOT will contribute approximately 25 percent and the remainder will be funded by Sugar Grove and Kane County and Marengo and McHenry

County. Both Marengo and Sugar Grove also have already funded the cost of preliminary design and engineering studies, as required by the Tollway.

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 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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