



*Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN CONCRETE AWARD
FROM ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE**

ACI Illinois Award Recognizes Creativity and Use of Concrete in I-290 Interchange Project

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway is the recipient of an inaugural Excellence in Concrete Award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Concrete Institute for the innovative use of concrete in the reconstruction of the I-290 Interchange at the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

“It is an honor to present one of our first ACI Illinois annual awards to such a deserving project,” said ACI Illinois President Joni Jones. “This project involved using concrete on a new level by implementing a performance approach for high-performance concrete specifications. Our recognition of this project will help inspire excellence in concrete design and construction around the world.”

The new ACI Illinois Excellence in Concrete Construction Award provides a platform to recognize concrete projects in Illinois that are at the forefront of innovation and technology. Projects are judged based on architectural and engineering merit, creativity, innovative construction techniques, innovative use of materials, ingenuity, sustainability and functionality.

Completed in 2017, the I-290 Interchange Project was selected by ACI Illinois for an Excellence in Concrete Award in the infrastructure category. Concrete was utilized in all aspects of the approximately \$440 million interchange, including cast-in-place bridge decks, retaining walls and pavement.

The ACI award recognizes the Illinois Tollway’s commitment to using a performance approach to construct longer-lasting concrete bridge decks, by giving contractors options on mixture designs, allowing them to be more innovative while delivering the same or better results at lower costs.

In addition, for all interstate-to-interstate interchanges, as well as for major bridges over waterways on the Illinois Tollway system, shrinkage crack-resistant high-performance concrete is being used with stainless steel reinforcement to extend the service life of bridge decks.

As part of the construction of the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway completed in 2017, the I-290 Interchange Project included construction of 17 ramps and 15 new bridges in the interchange area between Meacham/Medinah Road and Prospect Avenue in the northwest suburbs near Itasca. The project created direct access with new fly-over ramps and free-flow traffic movements to and from the Illinois Route 390 Tollway in all directions. About 240,000 vehicles a day travel through the Illinois Route 390/I-290 area. By 2030, that number is expected to increase to 340,000.

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 seven years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and 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,

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delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including 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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