



## Record of Meeting | April 30, 2020

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (“Tollway”) held the regularly scheduled Finance, Administration and Operations Committee meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020. The meeting was held pursuant to the By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chairman Willard S. Evans, Jr. and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*

In response to COVID-19, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-07, which suspends provisions requiring in-person attendance of the public body and amends conditions when remote participation is permitted. In accordance with the Executive Order, the meeting was conducted telephonically. A telephone access number was provided for members of the public to monitor and/or participate in the meeting.

*[Bolded entries indicate issues which may require follow-up to present or report to Directors.]*

## Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair McConnaughay called the meeting to order at approximately 10:25 a.m. stating that this is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Finance, Administration and Operations Committee (“FAO Committee”) of the Tollway Board of Directors. Committee Chair McConnaughay then asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Committee Members Present:
Committee Chair Karen McConnaughay
Director Alice Gallagher
Director Scott Paddock
Other Directors Present:
Director James Connolly
Director Stephen Davis
Director Gary Perinar
Director Jim Sweeney
Chairman Will Evans, Jr.

Committee Members Not Present:
None



The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

## Public Comment

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Committee Chair McConnaughay opened the floor for public comment. No comment was offered.

## Committee Chair's Items

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Committee Chair McConnaughay entertained a motion to approve **Committee Chair's Item 1**, the Minutes of the regular FAO Committee meeting held on February 11, 2020, as presented. Director Paddock made a motion, seconded by Director Gallagher. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Having no further items, Committee Chair McConnaughay called on Executive Director José Alvarez.

## Executive Director's Items

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Executive Director Alvarez advised the Committee that despite current conditions, the Tollway continues to operate and improve its 294-mile toll highway system, which serves as the backbone of regional commerce. He further highlighted that contracts on the agenda today represent thousands of jobs and will aid in keeping the regional economy moving.

Executive Director Alvarez noted that the meeting agenda contains 20 items for the Committee's consideration. He then proceeded to the presentation of items for consideration.

## Items for Consideration

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### Finance

Executive Director Alvarez introduced Chief of Procurement, Dee Brookens, to provide background on the procurement process for Finance Item 1. He then called on Cathy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, to present the following Finance item:

*Item 1: Award of Contract 20-0065 to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. (Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.) for the purchase of Liability Insurance in an amount not to exceed \$1,796,973.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract). The Tollway's Liability Insurance Program includes coverage for commercial general liability, business auto liability, employment practices, public entity errors & omissions and excess liability insurance.*



Upon conclusion of the presentation of the item, Committee Chair McConnaughay called for a motion to approve placement of **Finance Item 1** on the April Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gallagher. The motion PASSED unanimously.

## Engineering

Executive Director Alvarez requested that the Committee defer consideration of Engineering Item 2. He then offered the following remarks to the Committee:

*"Above and beyond our work, today's FAO agenda also reflects our efforts to ensure that both large and small... minority, disadvantaged, women and veteran-owned businesses benefit from work we're issuing. With a keen eye on creating these types of opportunities, our staff has worked tirelessly to expand prime and subcontracting opportunities for small and diverse businesses.*

*Recognizing both the benefits as well as the barriers to becoming a prime contractor, our team has worked cohesively to begin ensuring that elements of large projects are unbundled into smaller more accessible opportunities. These projects are unbundled from larger projects without jeopardizing project delivery. The Tollway is committed to this revised project delivery method, and you will see more of these unbundled projects this year and in the years to come in the Move Illinois Program.*

*Today, five of the contracts are unbundled opportunities, and while we still have much work to do, this approach is beginning to show results. This month, the agenda will feature two first time prime contractors, both of which had previously served as subcontractors, and one of which was a participant of our Technical Assistance training program.*

*In addition, there is another contractor today, stepping up as a prime for a second time – on the heels of the first Tollway prime award last month.*

*These firms are part of four contracts today that were advertised through the Illinois Tollway's Small Business initiative, which leverages the State of Illinois's Small Business Set Aside Program certifications to open opportunities to these businesses at the Illinois Tollway.*

- *Martinez Frogs, Inc. was established in 1999, located in Melrose Park, IL and employees approximately 15 people. They specialize in backfill services, digging, ditching, road grading and rock stabilization.*
- *Meru Corporation was incorporated in 2000 and is headquartered in Niles, IL.*



*They specialize in heavy highway construction, stormwater analysis and drainage design.*

*Since 2012 and pending today's approvals, 95 small business set-aside contracts have been awarded, 54 of the awardees (23 unique) were to diverse or veteran firms. In addition, 37% have been firms new to the Tollway. These opportunities are instructive for how we as an agency can continue opening the door for all businesses, generating opportunities and growing our economy for everyone."*

Executive Director Alvarez called on Paul Kovacs, Chief Engineering Officer, to present to the Committee the following Engineering items:

Item 1: Award of Contract RR-19-4504 to Meru Corporation for Grading Improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), Mile Post 15.40 (East State Street), in the amount of \$3,745,093.00. (Small Business Initiative)

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-20-4511 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Systemwide Pavement Repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Mile Post 17.7 (95th Street) to Mile Post 36.9 (Franklin Street), in the amount of \$4,557,831.59. [Deferred]

Item 3: Award of Contract I-19-4499 to Rausch Infrastructure, LLC for Grading and Drainage Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Ramp AB from I-294 SB to I-55 NB/SB Mile Post 23.75, in the amount of \$1,034,473.45. (Small Business Initiative)

Item 4: Award of Contract I-19-4506 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Shoulder Rehabilitation and Traffic Crossover Construction,, on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Mile Post 17.8 (95th Street) to Mile Post 20.7 (LaGrange Road), in the amount of \$2,365,983.20.

Item 5: Award of Contract I-19-4508 to Hecker and Company, Inc. for Procurement of Temporary Highway Lighting Materials on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294,) Mile Post 17.8 (95th Street) to Mile Post 20.9 (LaGrange Road), in the amount of \$819,502.00.

Item 6: Award of Contract I-20-4512 to John Burns Construction Company for Advanced Fiber Relocation Installation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Mile Post 32.90 to Mile Post 36.30, in the amount of \$2,287,792.70.

Item 7: Award of Contract I-19-4715 to Enlight Contracting, LLC for Building Demolition on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) in the amount of \$942,000.00. (Small Business Initiative)



Item 8: Award of Contract I-19-4716 to Martinez Frogs, Inc. for Building Demolition on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490), Mile Post 0.60 to Mile Post 0.85, in the amount of \$573,130.25. (Small Business Initiative).

Item 9: Award of Contract I-19-4712 to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC for Advanced Earthwork, Drainage Construction and Railroad Spur Grading on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490), Mile Post 0.10 (Tri-State Tollway I-294) to Mile Post 0.35 (Green Street), in the amount of \$7,869,696.44.

Item 10: Acceptance of Proposal from HR Green, Inc., on Contract I-19-4478, for Construction Management Services on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 32 (St. Charles Road) and Mile Post 33 (North Avenue/Lake Street) in an amount not to exceed \$15,500,000.00. [Recusal: Director Gallagher]

Item 11: Acceptance of Proposal from Thomas Engineering Group, LLC, on Contract RR-16-4275, for Supplemental Construction Management Services for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction on the Edens Spur (I-94), Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Mile Post 25.2 (Tri-State Tollway) to Mile Post 30.0 (Edens Expressway), in an amount of \$1,725,600.00 - from \$7,001,011.80 to \$8,726,611.80.

Item 12: Acceptance of Proposal from STV, Incorporated, on Contract RR-18-4382, for Supplemental Design Services for Bridge Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Mile Post 7.5 (Stearns School Road) in an amount of \$169,995.15 - from \$1,774,888.24 to \$1,944,883.39.

Item 13: Acceptance of Proposal from Knight E/A, Inc., on Contract I-11-4026, for Supplemental Construction Management Services for New Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and I-57 in an amount of \$160,994.00 - from \$18,654,329.50 to \$18,815,323.50.

Item 14: Acceptance of Proposal from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., on Contract RR-18-4353, for Supplemental Design Upon Request Services, Systemwide in an amount of \$750,000.00 - from \$3,000,000.00 to \$3,750,000.00.

Item 15: Acceptance of Proposal from EJM Engineering, Inc. (dba TranSmart/EJM Corporation), on Contract RR-13-4151, for Supplemental Design Upon Request Services, Systemwide in an amount of \$750,000.00 -from \$6,500,000.00 to \$7,250,000.00.

Item 16: Resolution Authorizing Augmenting Funds for Land Acquisition for the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) Project, Project I-11-4011.



*Item 17: Resolution Authorizing Augmenting Funds for Utility and Fiber Optic Relocation for the Tri-State Tollway Project, Project RR-11-4004.*

Upon conclusion of the presentation of items, Committee Chair McConnaughay expressed her appreciation to staff for additional engineering resource materials provided to Directors and noted that many of these materials are accessible to the public on the Tollway website. Committee Chair McConnaughay further commented on the positive impact of the Tollway's Small Business Initiative Program, as evidenced by today's contract awards.

Committee Chair McConnaughay stated that without objection, **Engineering Item 2** will be deferred. Committee Chair McConnaughay further stated that Director Gallagher indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Engineering Item 10 and requested that the Committee first consider this Engineering item separately.

Committee Chair McConnaughay called for a motion to approve placement of **Engineering Item 10** on the April Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Committee Chair McConnaughay. Committee Chair McConnaughay asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Paddock, Director McConnaughay (2)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Gallagher (1)

The motion PASSED.

Committee Chair McConnaughay entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1, 3 thru 9, and 11 thru 17. Director Paddock made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Gallagher. The motion PASSED unanimously.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Committee Chair McConnaughay called for a motion to approve placement of **Engineering Items 1, 3 thru 9, and 11 thru 17** on the April Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gallagher. The motion PASSED unanimously.

## Legal





Executive Director Alvarez requested that consideration of Legal Item 2 be deferred until the Executive Session of the full Board of Directors meeting. He then called on Kathleen Pasulka-Brown, General Counsel, to present to the Committee the remaining item:

*Item 1: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Addendum with the Western Springs Park District. Cost to the Tollway: \$249,825.00. [Recusal: Director Gallagher]*

*Item 2: Amendment of Land Acquisition Resolutions pertaining to the Tri-State Tollway Project (I-294) to correct four PIN numbers included in Exhibit A attached to each of same. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.*

Upon conclusion of the item presentation, Committee Chair McConnaughay stated that without objection, consideration of Legal Item 2 will be deferred. She then noted that Director Gallagher indicated in advance her wish to recuse herself on Legal Item 1.

Committee Chair McConnaughay called for a motion to approve placement of **Legal Item 1** on the April Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Committee Chair McConnaughay. Committee Chair McConnaughay asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Paddock, Director McConnaughay (2)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Gallagher (1)


The motion PASSED.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further Committee business, Committee Chair McConnaughay entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Paddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Gallagher. The motion PASSED unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Christi Regnery  
Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority