



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$199.4 MILLION IN CONTRACTS IN JULY FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

*More than \$7.8 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three construction contracts totaling more than \$199.4 million at its July Board meeting.

Nearly \$666.7 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2020, as part of the ninth year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program.

"While meeting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our staff continues to push ahead, not only managing our business, but also continuing in the delivery of projects and improvements as committed in the *Move Illinois* Program," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. "We've been able to continue our core mission of delivering a world-class transportation network that serves as the backbone of our region's economy."

To date, more than \$7.8 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 84,480 total jobs as of June 2020.

July construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$151.6 million contract to Judlau Contracting Inc., Lisle, IL, for construction on the new I-490/I-294 Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Grand Avenue and Wolf Road.
- A \$44.9 million contract to Walsh Construction, Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge construction for reconstruction of the I-88/I-290 Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$2.9 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for systemwide preservation and rehabilitation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) devices.

The construction contracts approved today include 31 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and four subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 25.69 to 33.75 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.51 to 3.10 percent per contract.

Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. All contracts are presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway broadcasts all public meetings on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). This includes all board meetings and public bid openings. Also provided is detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker.

Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction bid-letting schedules, professional service bulletins, manuals and construction bid calendars. These resources can be found in the Doing Business section of the Tollway's website.

**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 eight 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).

**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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