



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$11.2 MILLION IN CONTRACTS IN OCTOBER FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

*More than \$8.3 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four construction contracts totaling \$11.2 million at its October Board meeting. Nearly \$1.2 billion 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.

“Investments in our regional economy are needed now more than ever, which is why, despite these challenges, we are staying the course on our capital investments this year,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “The Illinois Tollway is continuing to advertise a variety of contracts, large and small, like the ones approved by the Tollway Board today, to provide opportunities for Illinois firms and workers.”

To date, more than \$8.3 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 87,760 total jobs as of September 2020.

The construction services contracts approved today include two prime contractors and six subcontractors and that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and one prime contractor and two subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 21.88 to 75 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.76 to 25 percent per contract.

October construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$4.8 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for the replacement of the Windsor Drive Bridge over two ramps connecting the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$4.3 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for noise abatement wall construction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between O’Hare Oasis and Irving Park Road.
- A \$1.3 million contract to Lizzette Medina Landscape Management, Chicago, IL, for landscape improvements along the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Illinois Route 173 and Illinois Route 120.
- A \$758,369 contract to Semper Fi Yard Service Inc., Yorkville, IL, for landscape improvements along the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between U.S. Route 30 and Illinois Route 26.

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 Smart Road 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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