



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$109.6 MILLION IN CONTRACTS IN NOVEMBER FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

*More than \$100 million approved for investments in the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294)*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction contracts totaling \$109.6 million at its November Board meeting, including more than \$100 million in work in 2021 to advance roadway reconstruction and widening for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Nearly \$1.3 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.

"Through sound engineering and construction management and a host of other measures aimed at mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we're keeping our capital program on track as planned," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. "We're keeping our commitments and moving forward with work for 2021 to continue to rebuild and widen the Central Tri-State Tollway, including reconstruction of the I-290/I-88 Interchange."

To date, more than \$8.4 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 89,040 total jobs as of October 2020.

The construction services contracts approved today include one prime contractor and 36 subcontractors and that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and three subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 24.19 to 27 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 1.42 to 6 percent per contract.

November construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$70.5 million contract to Walsh Construction, Chicago, IL, for reconstruction and widening of the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Toll Plaza to 75<sup>th</sup> Street.
- A \$30.7 million contract to the Plote Construction Inc., Hoffman Estates, IL/Dunnet Bay Construction Co., Glendale Heights, IL, joint venture, for roadway and bridge widening and reconstruction on the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) and St. Charles Road at the I-290/I-88 Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$4.1 million contract to K-Five Construction Co., Westmont, IL, for pavement repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street and Balmoral Avenue.
- A \$1.9 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for lighting material fabrication for contracts on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street and North Avenue.
- A \$1.3 million contract to Natural Creations Landscaping, Joliet, IL, for landscaping improvements along the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Illinois Route 26 and Illinois Route 251.
- A \$1 million contract to Natural Creations Landscaping, Joliet, IL, for landscaping improvements along the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Illinois Route 120 and Illinois Route 22.

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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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