



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$38.2 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN JANUARY**

*2024 Capital Program includes \$1.4 billion investment for 13th year of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved seven construction and professional engineering contracts totaling \$38.2 million at its January Board meeting for work included in the Tollway’s \$1.4 billion capital spending commitment for 2024.

“The Tollway’s Move Illinois Program is playing a vital role in keeping the Illinois economy moving,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “More construction and engineering companies are successfully competing for contracts, including new firms working with the Tollway for the first time. In addition, our projects are supporting thousands of construction jobs throughout the region.”

January construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$24 million contract to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company, Romeoville, IL, for bridge construction on the new I-490 Tollway between Touhy Avenue and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).
- A \$3.4 million contract to Industrial Fence Inc., Chicago, IL for systemwide roadway appurtenance repairs.
- A \$1.6 million contract to Meade Inc., Willowbrook, IL, for systemwide fiber-optic systems improvements.
- An \$873,623 contract to Curran Contracting Company, Crystal Lake, IL, for ramp pavement repairs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at the DeKalb Oasis.
- An \$860,792 million contract to Martinez Frogs Inc., Melrose Park, IL for storage building removal at the Gurnee (M-4) maintenance facility on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94).

January professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$4.9 million contract to Stanley Consultants Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services for the new I-490 Tollway between Irving Park Road and Devon Avenue.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Ciorba Group Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services for systemwide toll plaza improvements.

The January contracts approved today include 22 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as eight certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 14.04 percent to 97 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.50 percent to 5.06 percent per contract.

The Tollway’s Capital Program calls for investing \$1.4 billion in 2024 with \$386.8 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs to keep the existing Tollway system in good repair, as well as along with funding for key projects including:

- \$464.6 million to continue reconstruction work for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- \$501.5 million to continue design and construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new interchanges connecting to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, as well as providing direct access in and out of O’Hare International Airport as part of the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project.

Approval of the January contracts marks the start of the 13th year of the 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois Program. Overall, more than \$11.1 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the program began in 2012, with more than \$2.9 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 127,470 total jobs as of December 2023.

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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 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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