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Statement by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois on Tollway Capital Program

SPRINGFIELD – The [American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois](https://www.acecil.org) (ACEC Illinois) released the following statement regarding the approval of the Illinois Tollway’s 2026 Capital Plan, Driving Connections:

“The Tollway is a critical part of Illinois’ surface transportation network because it connects workers to jobs, businesses to customers, freight to markets and Illinois communities to the national economy. A system this important requires sustained investment to replace aging infrastructure, modernize interchanges, improve safety, reduce congestion and prepare for future demands,” said **Kevin Artl, President and CEO of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois**. “We applaud the visionary approach of the Tollway’s leadership and board and thank Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly who made this investment possible. We strongly support the Driving Connections capital plan—a proposed 15-year, \$26.5 billion investment in northeastern Illinois and the broader regional economy. Driving Connections represents the kind of responsible, long-term planning Illinois needs and our member firms look forward to continuing our partnership with the Tollway to deliver a safer, stronger and more resilient transportation system.”

About the American Council of Engineering Companies

Representing hundreds of companies, we are the voice of the engineering industry in Illinois. With roots dating back more than 100 years, ACEC Illinois represents more than 16,500 engineers, architects, land surveyors and other specialists. Our primary mission is to strengthen the business environment for our member firms through government advocacy, political action, and business education. For more information, visit www.acecil.org.

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