

*Tollway Statement:*

*Thank you Manager Higgins for contacting the Tollway for information on the I-294 improvements being discussed.*

*As part of the Move Illinois capital program, the Tollway is developing a master plan to determine improvements, costs, and funding options for the reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Balmoral Avenue. This is the only remaining segment of the original Tollway system constructed in the 1950s that has not been improved and modernized to meet current and future transportation needs.*

*The Tollway's outreach and meetings with communities to develop the plan for improvements is ongoing and will continue through all planning and design phases. It is anticipated that the Tollway's research and a proposed concept will be presented to the Tollway Board of Directors in the coming months. Once the Board has approved a concept, a detailed design process will follow in which the Tollway will continue to refine the details in coordination with local communities and businesses. No decisions have been made to date and a final design has not been developed.*

*The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors values your input, and the input of your community, and believes that the Tollway is best served when it has the opportunity to hear a variety of perspectives on the issue at hand in order to develop the best project for our many customers and neighbors.*

*Tollway staff looks forward to continuing this conversation with you and your staff regarding the Central Tri-State. Staff will be meeting with you in the next couple of weeks to further discuss your concerns and issues, as well as the opportunities to collaborate on common issues. We understand that quality of life, right-of-way, drainage, and noise are some of the key issues for the residents of Western Springs. We are happy to discuss these issues along with the others you voiced to us.*

*Again, thank you for your interest in this project. We want to have an ongoing, open and productive conversation with the Village throughout this process.*