



## Record of Meeting | April 18, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority’s (“Tollway”) Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, April 18, 2024, in the Boardroom of Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove, Illinois. The meeting was held pursuant to the By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chairman Arnaldo Rivera and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*

[*Bolded entries indicate issues which may require follow-up to present or report to the Board.*]

## Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 9:50 a.m. and asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Board Members Present:
Director James Connolly
Director Jacqueline Gomez
Director Karen McConnaughay
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.
Director James Sweeney
Director Mark Wright
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera

Board Members Not Present:
Governor JB Pritzker [ <i>ex officio</i> ]
Secretary Omer Osman [ <i>ex officio</i> ]

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Chairman Rivera asked Lt. Nick Hassan of Illinois State Police Troop 15 to provide the monthly safety message.

## Safety Message

Lt. Hassan emphasized that during National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, the Illinois State Police would be actively patrolling work zones across the system. He reiterated the gravity of speeding and distracted driving for motorists. Lt. Hassan pointed out that texting, emailing, and



browsing on electronic devices are prohibited by Illinois law. Furthermore, he urged motorists to exercise caution around all persons working on the toll roads and to adhere to Illinois' Move Over Law. This law mandates that all drivers approaching any police or emergency vehicle stopped along the roadway proceed with caution, change lanes if possible, and reduce speed.

Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Board, each offering comments concerning the Tollway's ongoing negotiations with SEIU Local 73 and the pending layoffs:

- Joseph Grill, Clovia Lockridge, Tammy Cihlar, Kara Harroway, Shawn Burkhart, Vasilios Athanasoulis, Ernie Pagintalan, Melissa Jacobson, Wynnetta Crumb, Raquel Buckner, Joseph Coding, Jay Pelikan, Tameca Davis, Joseph Rickert

Chairman Rivera thanked the speakers for their comments.

Chair's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held March 21, 2024.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve Chair's Item 1, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held March 21, 2024. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held March 21, 2024.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 2 will be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session.

Item 3: Committee Reports

Chairman Rivera dispensed with committee reports, noting that Directors were present for the committee meetings.



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*Item 4: Additional Items*

Chairman Rivera, having no further items, turned the floor over to Executive Director Cassandra Rouse.

### **Executive Director's Items**

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Executive Director Rouse began by highlighting National Work Zone Awareness Week, during which the Tollway participated in statewide media events with IDOT and ISP to raise public awareness about work zone safety. She underscored the Tollway's dedication to ensuring safe work zones and urged motorists to exercise extra caution, including slowing down and remaining vigilant for workers and emergency responders.

Furthermore, Ms. Rouse extended an invitation to Directors to join upcoming high school student visits. These visits, welcoming students from Curie High School and Schurz High School, aim to provide insights into career opportunities within the Tollway. Students will tour Alsip and Bensenville maintenance sites and nearby construction projects.

Acknowledging the recent receipt of the Distinguished Leader in Transportation and Logistics award from the Pathways to Adventure Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Ms. Rouse emphasized the Tollway's commitment to mentoring future leaders in transportation.

Regarding the Agency's strategic and capital planning process, Ms. Rouse announced the formation of a Stakeholder Advisory Team (SAT). Comprising leaders from various sectors across the 12-county region, the SAT will advise and provide recommendations for developing the next capital plan and advancing long-term capital priorities. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for April 24.

Ms. Rouse also mentioned the upcoming Earth Day commemoration on April 22 and introduced an Earth Day video showcasing the Tollway's environmental initiatives. Following the video, Bryan Wagner, Environmental Policy and Program Manager, delivered a brief presentation on the agency's stormwater management efforts. [See attached presentation.](#)

### **Items for Consideration**

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#### **Finance**

*Item 1: Award of contract issued through the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. providing the Illinois Tollway with customary banking services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 (Treasurer Request for Proposal).*



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### Information Technology

*Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0070 to Dell Marketing L.P. for the purchase of Kronos Software Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$104,183.47 (Tollway Sole Source).*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### Facilities & Fleet Operations

*Item 1: Award of Contract 24-0045 to Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for the purchase of Light-Duty Trucks in an amount not to exceed \$571,241.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### Engineering

*Item 1: Award of Contract RR-23-4899 to Lizzette Medina & Co. for Landscape Planting Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94 and I-294) between Mile Post 17.7 (95th Street) and Mile Post 24.5 (Plainfield Road) in the amount of \$600,298.20.*

*Item 2: Award of Contract RR-23-4941 to Terrazas, LLC for Bridge and Wall Repairs on the Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Mile Post 130.1 (IL Route 53) in the amount of \$353,942.00.*

*Item 3: Award of Contract RR-23-4940 to Areatha Construction Co., Inc. for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 16.1 (Southwest Highway) in the amount of \$382,078.23.*

*Item 4: Award of Contract RR-23-4919 to Lorig Construction Company for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) between Mile Post 0.5 (Russell Road) and Mile Post 15.2 (Atkinson Road) in the amount of \$2,214,722.00.*



*Item 5: Award of Contract I-24-4760 to Plote Construction, Inc. for York Road Reconstruction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between Mile Post 2.5 (Gateway Road) and Mile Post 4.6 (Devon Avenue) in the amount of \$9,191,859.94.*

*Item 6: Extra Work Order on I-21-4732 to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC for Railroad Bridge Construction Union Pacific Railroad and Earthwork on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) Franklin Avenue to South of Irving Park Road (IL-19) and Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Mile Post 62.00 and Mile Post 62.25 (Barrington Road) in the amount of \$1,090,717.05, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$228,948,561.79 to \$230,039,278.84.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-6. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 1-6**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

### Executive Session

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Chairman Rivera called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided in Sections 2(c)(1), (2), (21) and (29) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1), (2), (21) and (29), to consider Tollway matters related to personnel, collective bargaining, the minutes of closed meetings, and internal audit controls. Director Neddermeyer made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 11:25 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

### Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

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At approximately 12:40 p.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the Meeting.

*Chair's Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held March 21, 2024.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held March 21, 2024. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to



approve the minutes, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Wright. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:41 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Christi Regnery  
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Board Secretary  
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority



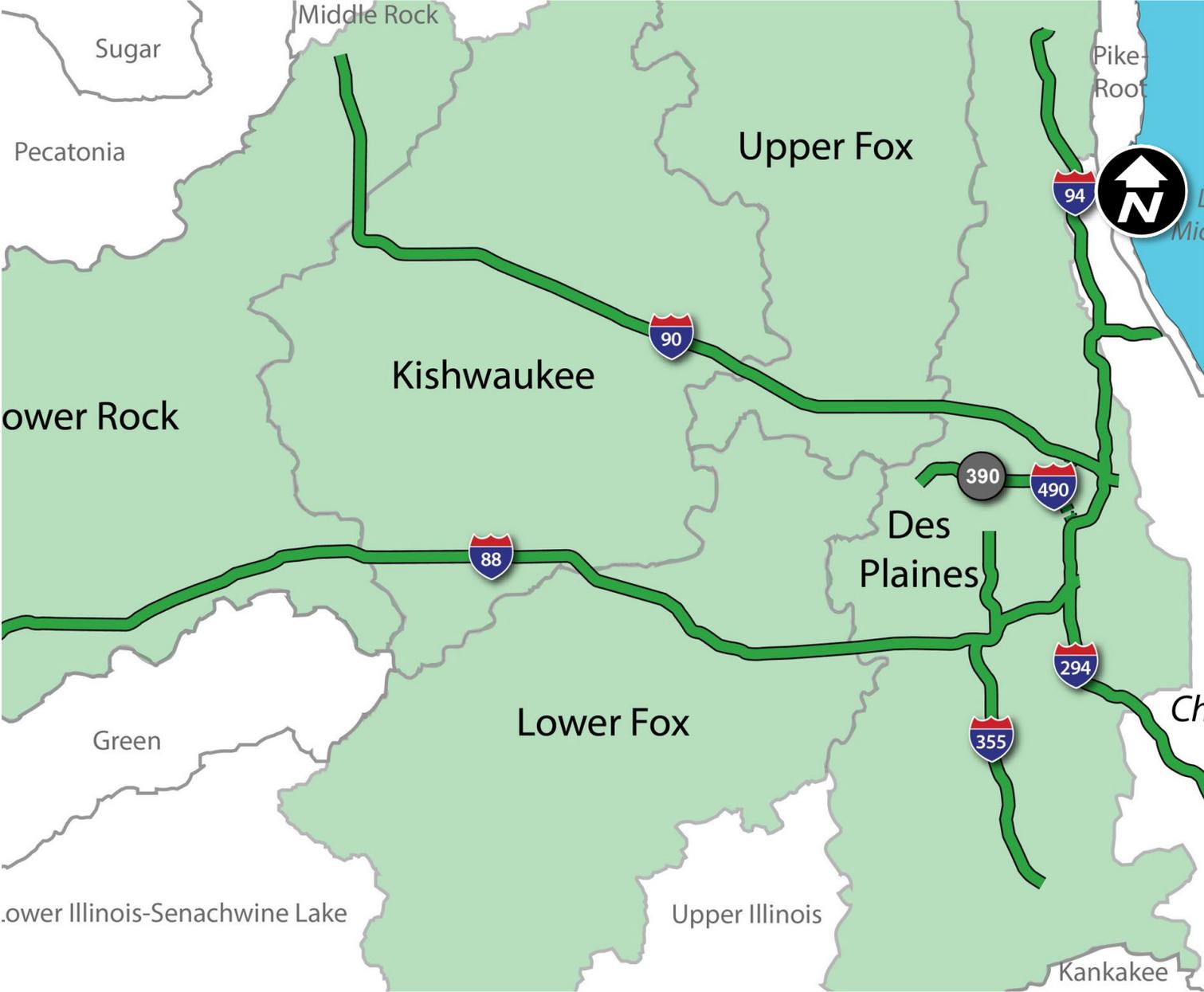
# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY STORMWATER EFFORTS

Bryan Wagner, *Environmental Program and Policy Manager*

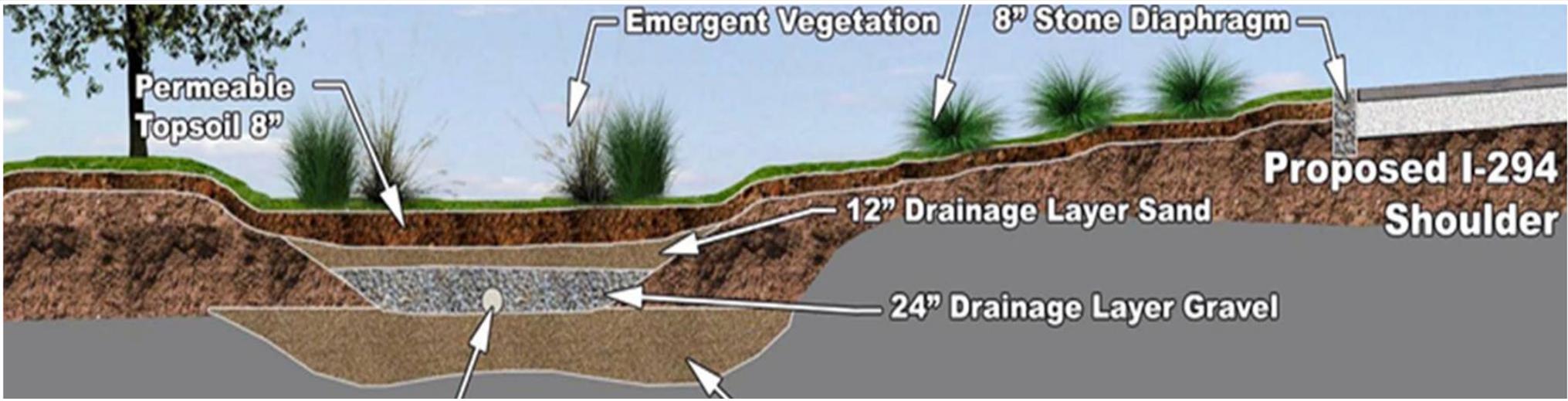
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# MAJOR WATERSHEDS

- Great Lakes/Calumet River
- Des Plaines River
- Upper Fox River
- Lower Fox River
- Kishwaukee River
- Rock River



# BIOSWALES



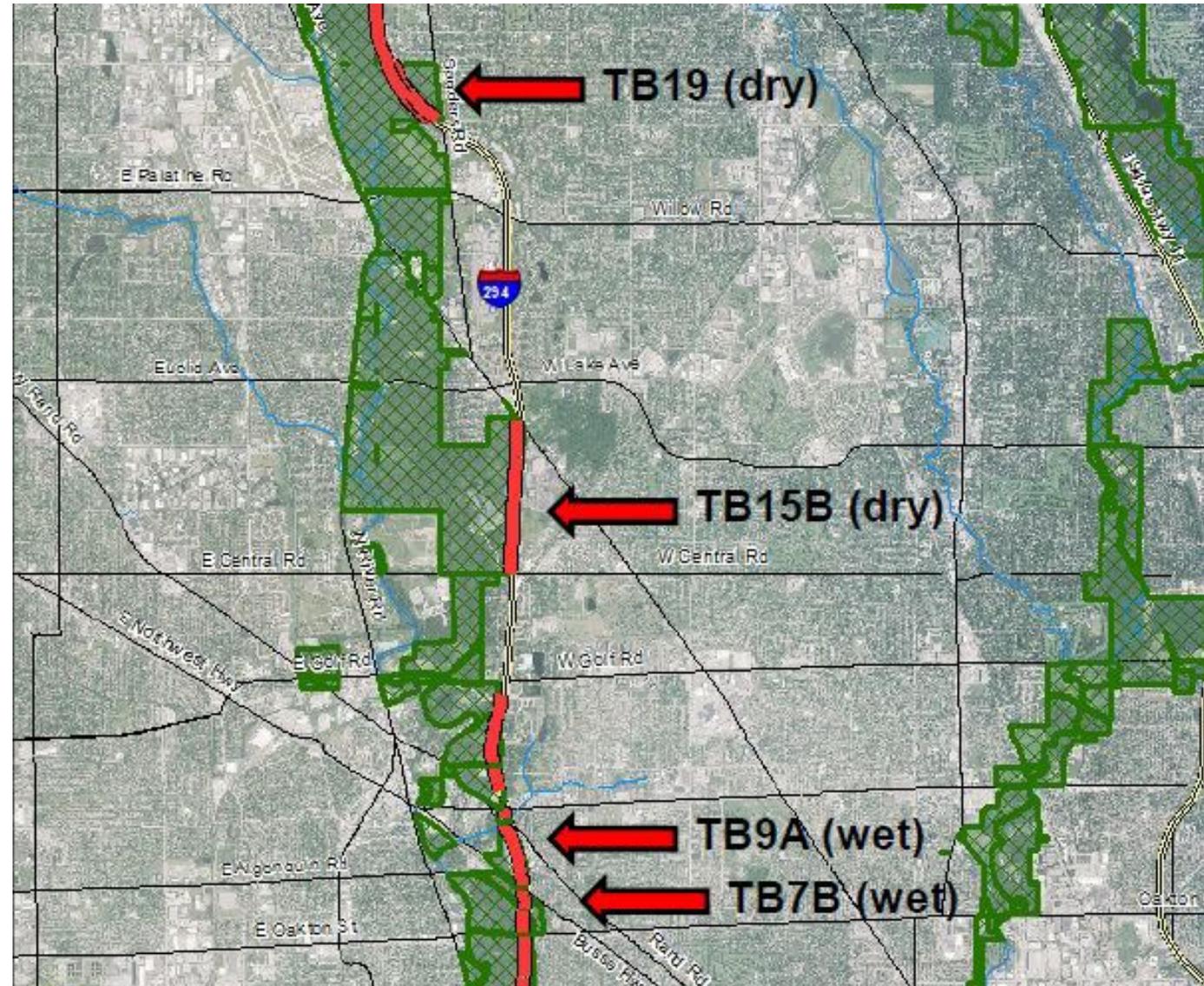
# NORTH TRI-STATE TOLLWAY (I-94) BIOSWALE PILOT

In 2010, the Tollway constructed its first largescale bioswale project

## Partnership with the Forest Preserves of Cook County

- Land along right-of-way could be used for stormwater BMPs
- Nearly two dozen bioswales installed along 17 miles

Provided an effective BMP with proven results that could be replicated for future projects



# BIOSWALE PERFORMANCE

## Illinois State Geologic Survey Sampling

- Initial 10-year commitment to monitor and ensure functionality was made
- Long-term environmental investment has led to the evolution of bioswale design for other areas along the Tollway

## Results

- 63 percent decrease in TSS
- 42 percent decrease in TDS
- 44 percent decrease in chloride
- 36-81 percent decrease of roadway metals



# WATER QUALITY GOALS PER CORRIDOR PROJECT

*Using volume control to address stormwater quality*

## Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project

- Capture first 0.75 inches of rainfall

## Illinois Route 390 Tollway/I-490 Tollway Project

- Capture first 1.25 inches of rainfall (by watershed)
- Additional FAA requirements

## Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project

- Capture first 1 inch of rainfall
- Systemwide Salt Use Reduction Program



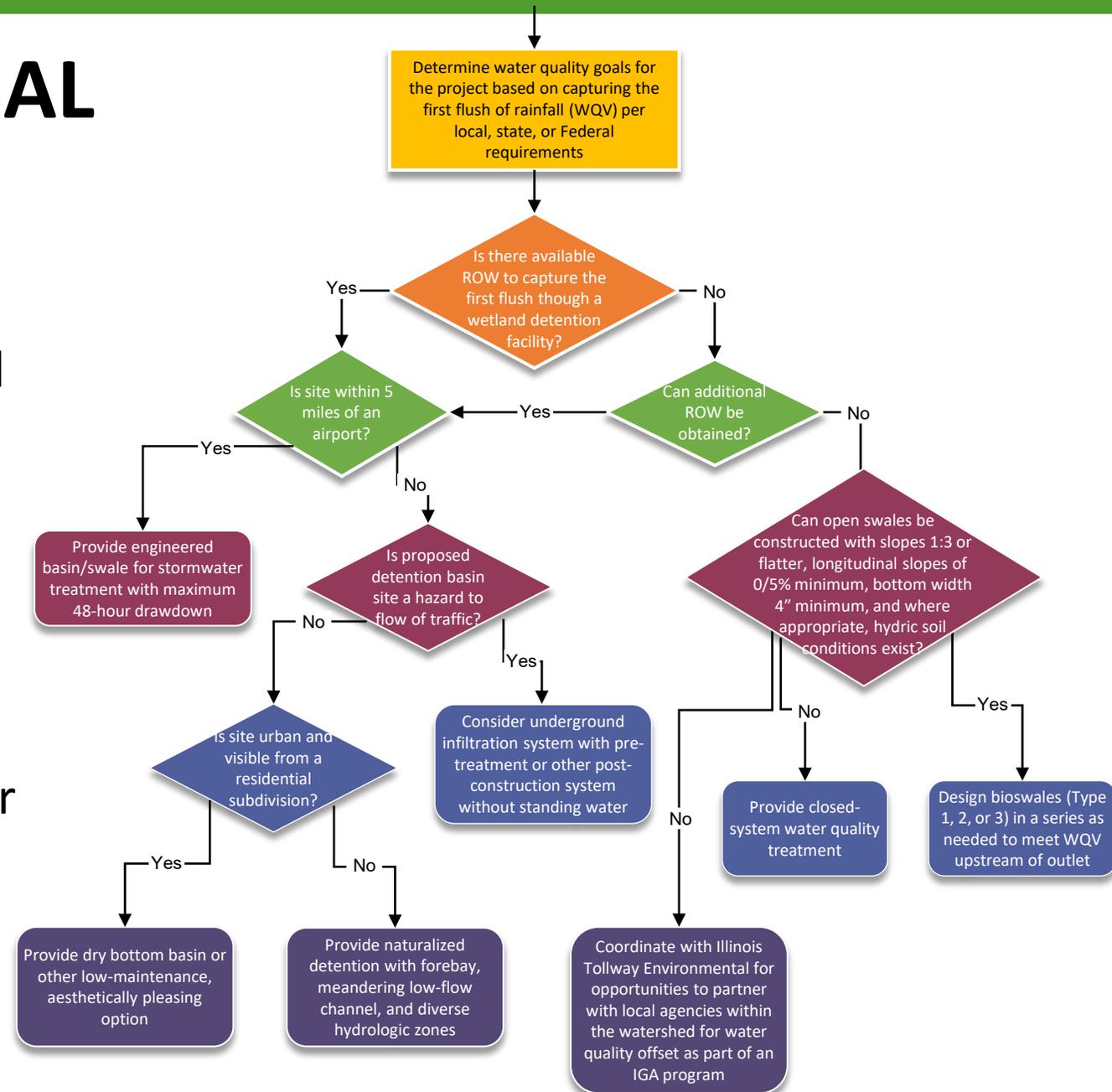
# DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL

## BMP decision flowchart

- Set project water quality goals
- Use BMPs to collectively accomplish goal

## BMP types

- Dry bottom basins
- Naturalized detention with diverse hydrologic zones
- Underground infiltration systems
- Engineered basin with maximum 48-hour drawdown
- Bioswales (wet or dry)
- Closed-system water quality treatment



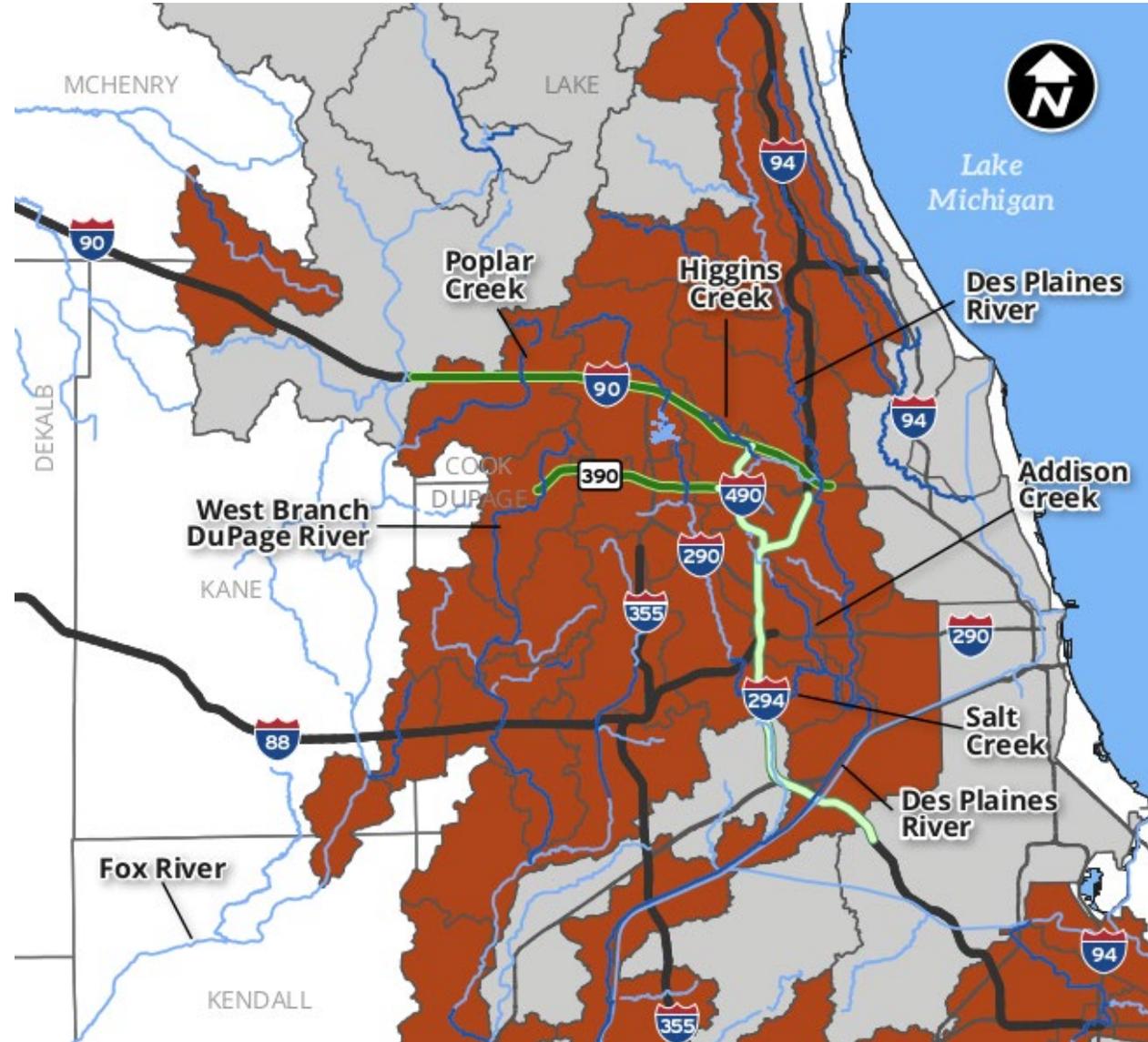
# REDEFIND SALT STRATEGY: PROJECT MOTIVATION

## *Move Illinois* Program includes new corridors

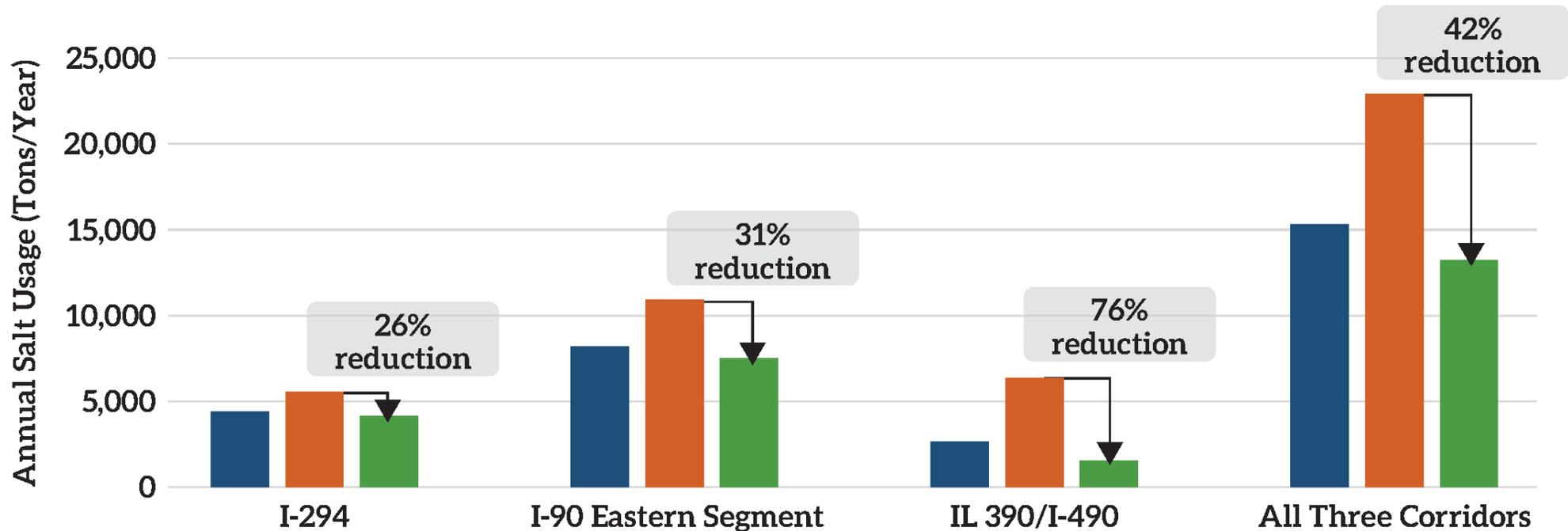
- Illinois Route 390/I-490 Tollways
- Eastern Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)
- Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294)

**Each project requires a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC)**

**Required to reduce salt usage to offset increased lane miles**



# SALT REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS BY PROJECT



Annual average salt usage prior to project construction

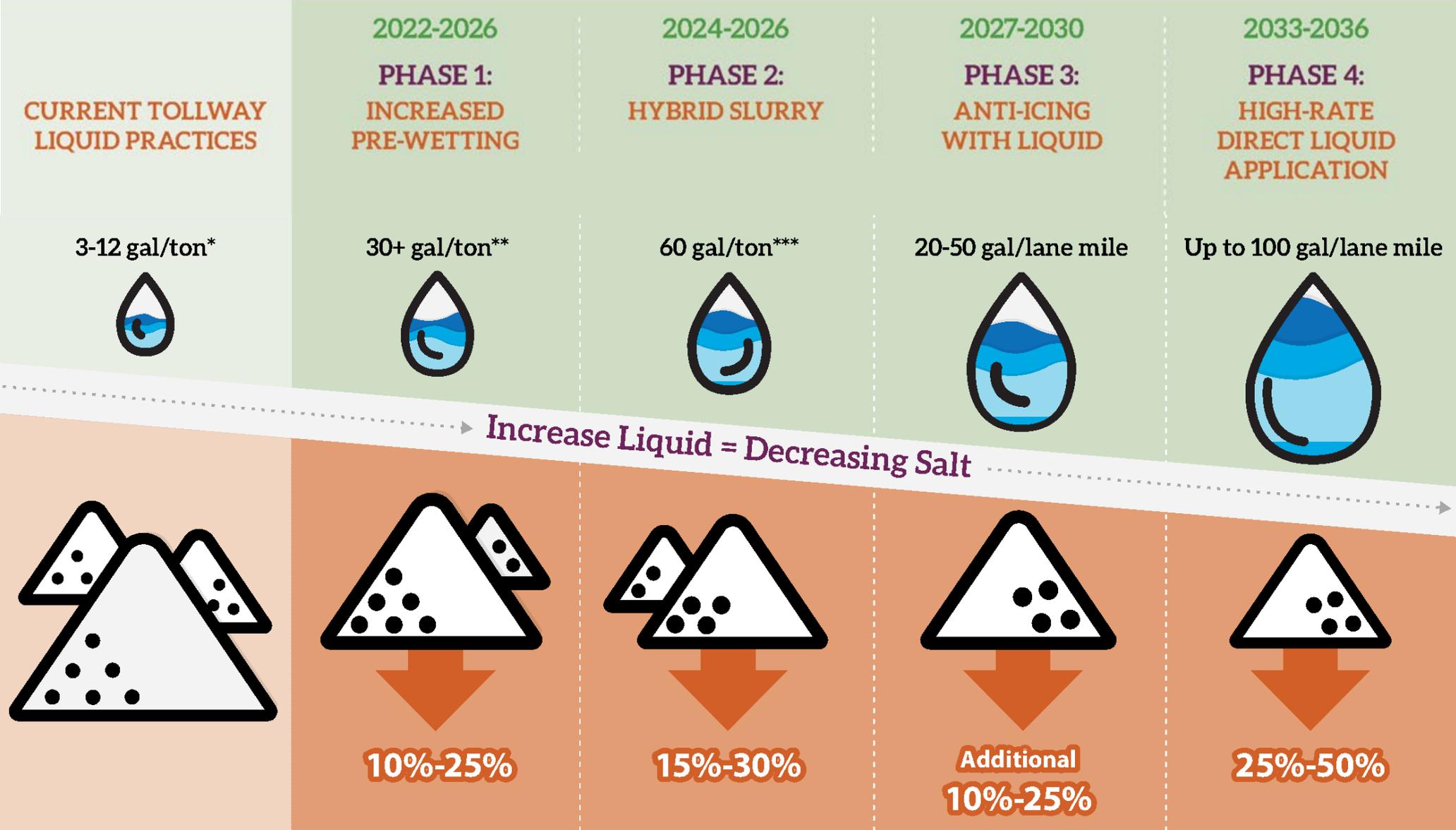


Estimated annual salt usage after construction (no salt reduction)



Allowable salt usage, post-construction  
*No net increase + 25% margin of safety*

# CORE STRATEGY: INCREASING LIQUID USE





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