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To the Honorable Members of the 103rd General Assembly:

The Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act ("Act"), executed June 15, 2022, authorized the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Illinois Tollway") and Illinois Department of Transportation to utilize alternative contracting methods to deliver transportation improvement projects. The alternative contracting methods authorized include Design-Build, Construction Manager/General Contractor ("CMGC") and Progressive Design-Build.

630 ILCS 10/15 Section 15(b) of the Act, "The Transportation Agency shall report to the General Assembly annually for the first 5 years after the effective date of this Act on the progress of procurements and transportation facilities procured under this Act." Accordingly, the Illinois Tollway is hereby reporting the progress to the General Assembly.

Since the passage of the Act, the Illinois Tollway has developed a Design-Build program. Design-Build is an alternative contract delivery method that the Illinois Tollway can utilize for the types of projects for which it is best suited. To date, the Illinois Tollway has completed the following as part of overall Design-Build program development:

1. Developed draft contract documents and held internal discussions with other Illinois Tollway Departments to establish an internal process for the design-build contracting method
2. Held meetings with industry representatives to obtain feedback and identify best practices
Identified a pilot project that would be a good candidate for using the Design-Build contracting method
3. The Illinois Tollway has been coordinating with the Illinois Department of Transportation to ensure consistency between the three agencies with respect to implementing alternative delivery projects

The Illinois Tollway's next steps over the course of the next year include the following:

1. Obtain approval for solicit Design-Build services and construction for the first pilot project
2. Begin construction in 2024
3. Initiate development of the new Design-Build Manual that will provide overall guidelines for preparing Design-Build contracting documents

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 630-241-6800 extension 1000 or via email at crouse@getipass.com.

Sincerely,

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