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The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors made a decision today that will ensure our transportation network remains strong enough to keep businesses and families moving every day.

The Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) commends Governor Bruce Rauner, and applauds Tollway Chairman Bob Schillerstrom and the Tollway Board for their approval of the Central Tri-State project. This much-needed project is expected to create or sustain 43,000 jobs and reduce travel times by as much as 55 percent.

"The Tollway's decision today affirms a public policy that the IRTBA has always supported -- transportation is a wise and crucial investment, needed to maintain our quality of life," said David Rock, chairman of the IRTBA. Rock added, "This project will allow local agencies to partner to address safety, noise, flooding, and aesthetic issues that may affect communities near the Tri-State."

IRTBA President & CEO Mike Sturino added, "In November, nearly 80 percent of Illinois voters said that transportation was so important it should be constitutionally-protected with a Transportation Lockbox. The Tollway clearly understands this, and is continuing its legacy as a visionary agency that understands the needs and wants of the motoring public and the business community. The Illinois Tollway recognizes that the Central Tri-State expansion is a key infrastructure investment that is needed to maintain our economic competitiveness."

About Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association

The Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) has served over 75 years as the leading transportation industry trade association in Illinois. IRTBA member firms design, build, and maintain the state highways, transit systems, railways, and aviation systems. The core purpose of IRTBA is to advance and promote the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois.

