

Toll Plaza Garners Project of the Year Award for CMT

Project achieves goal of alleviating congestion at three Illinois toll plazas.

The American Public Works Association's (APWA) Chicago Chapter awarded Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) a Project of the Year award for their work on the Illinois I-PASS Expansion Project. CMT worked with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to alleviate congestion at three Illinois toll plazas by converting conventional automatic toll collection lanes to 30 mph I-Pass only lanes.

CMT's Kevin D. Nelson, P.E. and Walter R. Dittrich, P.E. led a project team faced with the task of modifying facilities designed and constructed over 30-years ago while minimizing the disruption of traffic during construction. The team provided structural work including the removal and reconstruction of plaza islands and tunnel repairs. Electrical work required the relocation and installation of I-Pass and other collection equipment. The project also required reconstruction of the median shoulder and roadway drainage components.

The I-Pass Expansion Project was called an overwhelming success in a news release issued by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich's Office.