

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

PRIMERA'S CONSTRUCTION TEAM IN ACTION

With the official end of summer, the hectic construction season also begins to wind down. Primera's construction management team has been extremely busy these past few months, working on several projects throughout Illinois and Indiana, partnering with several agencies to transform our local communities. Let's look at some of our key projects from the summer that not only reflect our dedication to quality and innovation, but our commitment to our clients' goals as well.

CITY OF CHICAGO PROJECTS

This summer, Primera partnered with the Chicago Department of Water Management (CDWM) and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) to move the needle forward on large, multi-year improvement projects. First is our joint venture with Cotter Consulting, PCWP (Primera Cotter Water Partners), providing professional construction engineering services for CDWM and their expansive Capital Improvement Program. Our multi-year contract with CDWM focuses on the transmission and distribution of water facilities to achieve CDWM's plan to replace approximately 40 miles of water main annually. This project is a collaborative effort, comprised of several members, including AECOM, DB Stern Consultants, V3 Companies, SQN Associates, PDF Engineering, d'Escoto, MKM Engineering, and O-Lux Technologies. Over the summer, the PWCP team collaborated with CDWM on the replacement of lead service lines throughout the City of Chicago.

To further assist this effort, PCWP established a Property Owner Outreach team to explain and schedule the replacement of lead service water lines with homeowners.

Other projects in the City of Chicago include streetscape work with CDOT, including sites on Lawrence Avenue and the Austin Corridor. Our Lawrence Avenue streetscape project aims to improve user safety and walkability, upgrading aging infrastructure, and supporting economic development on a livable street on Chicago's North side (Lawrence Avenue from Western Avenue to the River). Primera's transportation team partnered with Civiltech Engineering and Engineering Services Group to oversee the streetscape improvements consisting of roadway resurfacing, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, curb and gutter replacements, and ADA updates. This project will be completed later this year.

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Our Austin Corridor Improvement project was recently completed and held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 21st. The team provided construction management services on Chicago Avenue from Western Avenue to Austin Boulevard. Primera's work included full reconstruction including full and partial-depth pavement removal, full-width roadway resurfacing, new sidewalks, curb and gutter replacements, and updating ADA ramps. Primera also provided a structural review of pole-mounted identifiers and a neighborhood gateway.

Lastly, Primera continues to work on the Bronzeville Lakefront Development project as construction engineer and liaison to the Chicago Department of Transportation. Construction began in late 2023 and will continue into 2026. This brand new 48-acre site is bound by 26th Street to 31st Street and Martin Luther King Drive to Lake Park Avenue and will include the installation of numerous new utilities and new connecting roads with new intersections. Primera is providing construction engineering services by providing field inspection and managing the documentation in CDOT's CMQA website.



Ongoing construction on the Lawrence Avenue streetscape project. Construction is slated to end in late 2024.

ILLINOIS PROJECTS

Primera's construction management team has been hard at work outside of Chicago as well. Together with our partners at the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), we've worked on several projects including roadway and roadside maintenance, construction inspections, and repair work. For example, this summer we provided Phase III engineering services on various expressway and arterial roadside maintenance projects and safety study projects throughout IDOT's District One area. Our team has been monitoring and adjusting work zone traffic control and site protection for quality control as well as monitoring and adjusting contractor work crew field activities for quality control. The maintenance projects consist of, but are not limited to, sweeping, guardrail repair, pedestrian barrier/fence repair, cable road guard repair, litter picking, surveying for existing damage, marking up existing damage, preparation of work orders, preparing and submitting any required documentation, prescribing steps to provide acceptable levels of safety, assuring disciplined safety guidelines, and providing general assistance. Our dedicated construction management team members have been providing day and nighttime support throughout this busy construction season.

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

In addition to City and State projects, Primera also partners with various municipalities on their infrastructure improvement needs. For example, this summer, our crews worked on multiple projects in the Village of Westmont and DuPage County, providing construction engineering services.

In Westmont, we provided construction engineering services for the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resurfacing Program. The Primera team worked on this fast-paced project resurfacing several locations throughout Westmont. Serving as Westmont's Acting Village Engineer, Primera coordinates, designs, and performs construction observation for the program annually.

Primera provided full-time construction management to help ensure traffic and pedestrian safety, dust control, construction staging, and noise control. The project management team was responsible for a range of tasks which consisted of constant evaluation of the project budget and schedule, diligently tracking quantities, aggressively managing the change order process, and monitoring the project's overall progress. In our effort to meet the project goals, Primera proactively offered schedule and budget remediation when needed.



Primera has been a longtime partner with the Village of Westmont. Pictured above is James Addington Plaza, which was completed in 2022, also part of the Village's revitalization of its downtown area. Primera's involvement was recognized with a 2023 ACEC-IL Engineering Excellence Merit Award.

INDIANA PROJECTS

Our construction team's work crosses state boundaries as well, as Primera has been extremely busy in Indiana. Primera is providing construction engineering services for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for the SR 249 bridge replacement, located approximately two miles north of I-94. The bridge is 1,030 feet with 10 spans over multiple rail and road crossings. The new bridge structure will be constructed adjacent and to the west of the current bridge and will carry traffic during rehabilitation of the existing bridge. This project will continue through 2025.

Another INDOT project that has kept our Indiana staff busy this season is US 30 from the IL State Line to US-41. The project consists of pavement patching, joint retrofits and crack repairs and a thin deck overlay over Hart Ditch. US 30 is heavily travelled and Primera construction staff worked long hours throughout the summer with the contractor's aggressive schedule.

More Indiana projects this past summer include our Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC) work as we partnered with them on two projects, Exit 0 and Exit 10. Primera provided construction engineering services for the rehabilitation of the Exit 0 bridge along the toll road. This project included seven bridges, five located over the roadway and two located over the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad. We served as the resident engineer, construction inspector, and materials coordinator during the duration of the project. Throughout construction, our team led inspection services to help ensure that all work being performed met the ITRCC and INDOT standards. We also reviewed and verified quality control reports which were compiled by the contractor.



Construction inspections were completed as a part of Primera's work with INDOT's LaPorte District.

Primera would like to thank all our clients, partners, and employees for helping us enhance the quality of life in our local communities. As we transition into next season, we look forward to continuing our efforts to connect and improve our highways, roadways, and toll roads through thoughtful and impactful transportation infrastructure improvement projects. For additional information on our transportation services visit www.primeraeng.com/transportation.