

BUILDING OUR ECONOMY: TRANSPORTATION FOR A NEW ILLINOIS RECOMMENDATIONS

Become an Innovative Leader in Transportation

- Create an Illinois Transportation Advisory Commission
- Set measurable goals and objectives; report on the results of investments
- Reduce the private costs of transportation
- Design a transportation system that supports the tourist economy
- Reduce petroleum use by promoting alternative fuels and setting emissions standards
- Make Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) full partners with IDOT; fund the MPOs with a share of capital dollars
- Coordinate land use decisions with transportation investments
- Aggressively protect our position as a leading center of air transport
- Extend broadband access throughout Illinois
- Provide direction to local governments on achieving transportation goals
- Promote connected street networks, walkable communities and mixed use developments

Make Transit a State Priority

- Reform, integrate and adequately fund metropolitan Chicago transit to double transit use
- Expand metropolitan transit throughout the state to meet each region's unique needs
- Provide the residents of rural Illinois with on demand transit options
- Provide a dedicated source of capital for transit; make the road fund a transportation fund
- Create a reliable passenger rail system to connect metropolitan areas
- Remove the funding biases that favor cars over transit

Promote Our Position As Freight Center of North America

- Create an Illinois Freight Authority to invest in goods movement infrastructure
- Prepare a comprehensive freight plan for Illinois
- Stimulate investment in freight centers throughout the state
- Promote policies that will enable rail to carry more of the freight load
- Develop truck-only corridors and shared intermodal terminals to reduce congestion and speed shipments

Increase Investment in our Transportation System

- Double the state motor fuel tax and annually adjust it for inflation; use it for all transportation modes
- Make counties responsible for township roads
- Expand the use of tolling and variable pricing throughout the state
- Use innovative financing techniques that are available but rarely used
- Authorize and promote the use of public-private partnerships
- Enact design-build legislation

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