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IDOT's First Listening Tour Sessions in Champaign, Macomb and Springfield

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the first of several listening sessions to discuss the state's infrastructure needs and priorities will be held next week in eight communities, starting with Champaign on Monday, followed by Macomb and Springfield on Tuesday. The other locations the remainder of the week are Ottawa, Dixon, Bloomington/Normal, Grayslake and McHenry.

Held in coordination with the Illinois Capital Development Board, the meetings are designed to engage residents, businesses, local leaders and various stakeholders in identifying the infrastructure challenges we face and setting the priorities for investing now and for future generations. Among the topics that will be addressed are establishing needs and priorities, improving deteriorating roads, bridges and transit systems, providing better access across multiple transportation modes and reinvesting in state facilities, such as airports, schools and parks.

"To maintain our status as the transportation hub of North America and grow the Illinois economy, it is critical that we receive your input," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. "I look forward to hearing your ideas and how we can work together to create more opportunities, improve the quality of life and strengthen communities throughout our great state."

Meetings will be held at the following locations:

Champaign
April 27
1 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn
1501 S. Neil St.

Macomb

April 28
10 a.m.
Spoon River College Community Outreach Center
2500 E. Jackson St.

Springfield
April 28
2:30 p.m.
Hoogland Center for the Arts
420 S. Sixth St.

Ottawa
April 29
8:30 a.m.
Ottawa City Hall
301 W. Madison St.

Dixon
April 29
11 a.m.
KSB Hospital (Private Dining Room)
403 E. 1st St.

Bloomington/Normal
April 30
2 p.m.
Bloomington City Council Chambers
109 E. Olive St.

Grayslake
May 1
8 a.m.
University Center of Lake County
1200 University Center Drive

McHenry
May 1
2 p.m.
McHenry County Chamber of Commerce
1257 N. Green St.

Future dates and locations are available and updated regularly at www.idot.illinois.gov.

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