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IDOT Listening Tour Makes Six Stops Next Week

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that six stops will be made next week as part of the ongoing listening tour to talk about the state's infrastructure needs and priorities.

Meetings will be in West Chicago, Countryside and Decatur on Monday, followed by two separate sessions in Chicago on Wednesday. Another one will be in Rockford on Thursday.

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.

"Almost halfway through our listening tour, the feedback we have received from so many of our great communities has been invaluable," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. "I can't wait to hear more of your thoughts and ideas as we work together to build the infrastructure that meets our current needs, while positioning Illinois to compete on the global stage far into the future."

Meetings next week will be held at the following locations:

West Chicago

May 11 10 a.m. DuPage Chamber of Commerce 306 Main St.

> Countryside May 11

May 11

2 p.m.
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150
6200 Joliet Rd.

Decatur

May 11 3 p.m.

Archer Daniels Midland James R. Randall Research Center 1001 N. Brush College Road

Chicago

May 13

8 a.m.

Union League Club of Chicago 65 W. Jackson Boulevard (Admission fees apply)

Chicago

May 13

2 p.m.

Chicago Urban League

4510 S. Michigan Ave.

Rockford

May 14

3 p.m.

Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning 315 N. Main St.

For those who cannot attend, an online survey is available at <u>www.idot.illinois.gov</u>. Future dates and locations also are listed and updated regularly on the website.