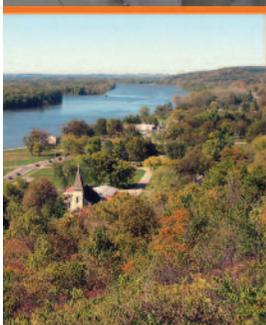


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Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow



HELPFUL ACRONYMS

Advanced Traffic Management System.....	ATMS	Illinois Center for Transportation.....	ICT
American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials.....	AASHTO	Illinois Community College Board.....	ICCB
Americans with Disabilities Act.....	ADA	Illinois Department of Agriculture.....	IDA
Automated Weather Observation System.....	AWOS	Illinois Department of Transportation.....	IDOT
Calendar Year.....	CY	Illinois Jobs Now!.....	IJN!
Capital Development Board.....	CBD	Illinois Secretary of State.....	SOS
Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning.....	CMAP	Illinois State Police.....	ISP
Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program.....	CREATE	Inaugural Airport Program.....	IAP
Chicago Transit Authority.....	CTA	Indiana Department of Transportation.....	INDOT
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.....	DCEO	League of American Bicyclists.....	LAB
Department of Natural Resources.....	DNR	Maritime Administration.....	MARAD
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.....	DBE	McDonough County Public Transportation.....	MCPT
Economic Development Program.....	EDP	Metropolitan Planning Organization.....	MPO
Electronic Bidding Systems.....	EBids	Missouri Department of Transportation.....	Missouri DOT
Emergency Patrol Vehicle.....	EPV	Mothers Against Drunk Driving.....	MADD
Emergency Traffic Patrol.....	ETP	National Environmental Protection Act.....	NEPA
Engineer Technician Training Program.....	ETTP	National Freight Advisory Committee.....	NFAC
Environmental Protection Agency.....	EPA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.....	NHTSA
Federal Aviation Administration.....	FAA	National Weather Service.....	NWS
Federal Fiscal Year.....	FFY	Public Private Partnership.....	P3
Federal Highway Administration.....	FHWA	Public Service Announcement.....	PSA
Federal Railroad Administration.....	FRA	Record of Decision.....	ROD
Fiscal Year.....	FY	Regional Transportation Authority.....	RTA
High Occupancy Toll.....	HOT	South Suburban Airport.....	SSA
High Occupancy Vehicle.....	HOV	Standing Committee on Rail Transportation.....	SCORT
High-Speed rail.....	HSR	Strategic Highway Safety Plan.....	SHSP
Highway Construction Career Training Program.....	HCCTP	Transportation Construction Apprenticeship Readiness Training Program.....	TCART
Highway Safety Improvement Program.....	HSIP	Union Pacific Railroad.....	UP
Hot Mix Asphalt.....	HMA	University of Illinois.....	U of I
		University of Illinois at Chicago.....	UIC



McClugage Bridge Peoria

OUR MISSION

We provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois in ways that enhance quality of life, promote economic prosperity, and demonstrate respect for our environment.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We will accomplish our mission while making the following principles the hallmark of all our work:

- Safety • Integrity • Diversity • Responsiveness
- Quality • Innovation

OUR VISION

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be recognized as the premier state department of transportation in the nation.

QUALITY POLICY

IDOT will consistently provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois that meets or exceeds the requirements and expectations of our customers. We will actively pursue ever improving quality through programs that enable each employee to continually strive to do their job right the first time, every time.

QUALITY STATEMENT

Do it right the first time, every time.

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A MESSAGE FROM ILLINOIS GOVERNOR PAT QUINN

Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider and the entire Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) team made great strides in 2013. Their continued dedication to maintaining and strengthening the Illinois transportation network, as well as responding to the needs of travelers across the state is vital to improving our quality of life, promoting economic prosperity, and protecting our environment. Through IDOT's 2013 Annual Report: Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow, I am proud to share many of the efforts that IDOT has made in advancing the Illinois transportation agenda.

Illinois' multi-modal transportation system is one of the largest and most diverse in the nation. It includes the fourth largest roadway system, third largest interstate system, second largest rail freight system, third largest public transportation system in North America, a growing intercity passenger rail network, and one of the busiest airports in the world. Each year, IDOT continues to ensure that this system remains one of the finest in the nation and that it accommodates travelers and businesses by connecting millions of people and millions of tons of freight with destinations across the state, the nation and around the world.

The Illinois transportation system provides a strong foundation for the state's economy as millions of people and thousands of businesses throughout the nation rely on its roads and bridges, airports, transit systems, railways, walkways, intercity passenger rail, and bikeways to safely and effectively travel, ship goods, and conduct business.

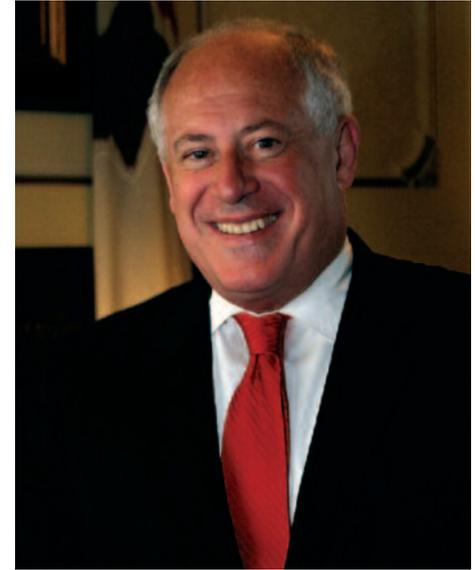
IDOT's successes in 2013 include the enhancement and reopening of Chicago's Red Line South between Cermak-Chinatown and 95th Street, a portion of a \$425 million project that will be completed on time and within budget. The Red Line reconstruction has created more than 1,500 jobs, many of which will continue after the construction project ends. IDOT's successes also include an approved Environmental Impact Statement for the Illiana Corridor, a 47-mile access controlled highway that extends from I-55 in Illinois on the west to I-65 in Indiana on the east. We also look to February 2014 for the grand opening of the Stan Musial Veterans' Memorial Bridge at East St. Louis, the first new bridge to connect Illinois with St. Louis in some 40 years. IDOT also has produced an Airport Master Plan for the South Suburban Airport, currently under review by the Federal Aviation Administration.

By working together, we will continue to improve Illinois' transportation infrastructure through 2014 and beyond. IDOT will continue to provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois in ways that enhance quality of life, promote economic prosperity, and demonstrate respect for our environment. I am confident about the future of transportation in Illinois, and I am confident that IDOT will continue moving forward and accomplish the tasks and objectives set forth in this report.

Sincerely,



Pat Quinn
Governor of Illinois



State-Maintained Road Miles

15,994

Interstate System Miles

2,182

Total Roadway System Miles

145,342

Rail Freight
Railroad Miles

7,400

Intercity
Bus
Services

12

Public
Transportation
Systems

67

A MESSAGE FROM IDOT SECRETARY ANN L. SCHNEIDER



I am happy to present IDOT's 2013 Annual Report: Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow. I want to thank each IDOT employee for the diligence they employ each day. Illinois has faced many transportation challenges, but the IDOT team has continued to meet and accomplish the tasks set before them. Safety, integrity, diversity, responsiveness, quality and innovation compose the foundation of our great state, and it is IDOT's goal to incorporate these principles into everything it does. IDOT is privileged to serve the Illinois traveling public as we continue to develop significant transportation innovations.

Our accomplishments in 2013 led to significant transportation improvements across the state. Illinois Jobs Now!, the Governor's bold capital program for Illinois public infrastructure, has completed its fifth year, and has delivered hundreds of needed projects throughout the state. In the process, we have built steadily on our goals for our minority participation in transportation construction. We are ready for a February opening of the Stan Musial Veterans' Memorial Bridge in the Metro East area; meanwhile, we have broken ground on other major projects across the state, such as the Circle Interchange project in northeastern Illinois, and, we completed many projects, such as the construction of a new rail spur in Mt. Vernon.

Together, with the support of Governor Quinn, IDOT has made significant strides during 2013 in several key goal areas including efficient project delivery, as shown by our submittal of all the Airport Master Plan components for South Suburban Airport, and by such roadway projects as the IL 2 upgrade in Rockford, which continues to move forward with the completion of a multi-use path on the south portion, slated for completion in late 2014. Meanwhile, passenger rail services advanced as we look to break ground on the new rail corridors across Northern Illinois in the next couple years. In addition, Illinois' first statewide bike plan will soon be published; the Federal Highway Administration has approved hiring incentives for IDOT projects; and, after years of pushing to make it a reality, the Illiana Corridor Project – an innovative public-private partnership to build a much-needed, regional highway – is moving forward.

We have integrated and continue to improve the integration of Illinois' diverse modes of transportation, successfully moving toward a multi-modal vision for the planning, programming, construction and operation of a well-connected and coordinated transportation system. We hope that after reading this report, you will have a better understanding of several of IDOT's 2013 accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, and the vision for IDOT in the future. It embodies our commitment to a safe, sustainable, and integrated multi-modal transportation system.

Thank you for your interest in IDOT's 2013 Annual Report: Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow. We hope you will take away a new perspective on IDOT, its employees, and how the department functions for the people and businesses of Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann L. Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ann L. Schneider

Illinois Secretary of Transportation

4 Intercity
Passenger
Rail
Corridors

26,581
Bridges

7,770
State-Maintained Bridges

110 Public-Use
Aviation Landing
Facilities

Navigable Waterway Miles
1,095

OVERVIEW

IDOT oversees all modes – roadways, railroads, public transportation services, and airports – with the same quality, concern and dedication. The department is responsible for building and maintaining the state’s highways, regulating and supervising all Illinois airport activity, overseeing state and federal funding for public transportation, and overseeing passenger and freight rail projects. Integrated into all of these roles is a resolute commitment to safety, excellence, diversity and innovation.



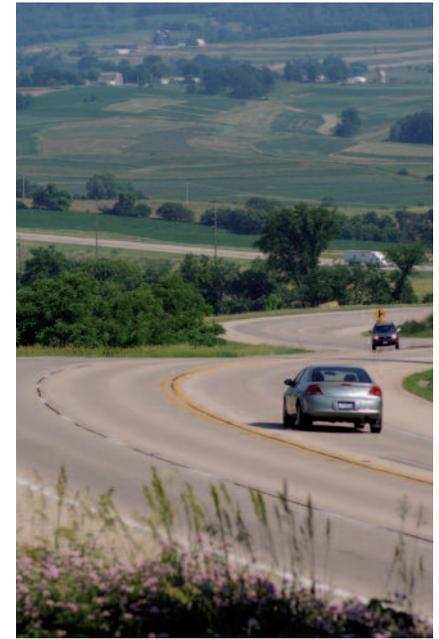
ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Transportation touches all of us. In Illinois, businesses, residents and visitors have access to one of the largest and most effective multi-modal transportation systems in the nation including roads, railways, airways, waterways, canals, and terminals such as airports, railway stations, bus stations, warehouses, and intermodal facilities.

Illinois' centralized geographic location, as well as the diversity of available transportation options, places the Illinois transportation system in an essential role in the nation's ability to move goods and people. As a transportation hub for the nation, Illinois and its network of 7,400 railroad miles help freight trains carry more than 300 million tons of freight into and out of Illinois. Some 1,100 miles of navigable waterways allow barges to carry more than 120 million tons of freight each year. The state's 140,000 miles of roads and streets, and 26,000 bridges are used by commercial truckers transporting another 300 million tons of freight annually. Illinois' regional airport system processes more than 670,000 tons of freight. That is a lot of economic activity navigating into and out of Illinois, and it happens each year.

In addition to carrying all that freight, Illinois' system supports a population of 12.9 million, the fifth largest in the nation, and more than 100 million visitors to Illinois each year. The success of Illinois, its residents, businesses, visitors and neighboring states all rely on a safe, effective, accessible and progressive transportation system where all modes make connections in ways that improve ease of travel and help build and support communities. Transportation is a vital part of a healthy economy and helps ensure social well-being and the cohesion of an array of demographic groups.

Illinois roads have felt the impact of usage to the tune of 104.5 million vehicle miles in 2012, according to IDOT's most recent information. Forty years ago, the number of miles traveled was about half of what it

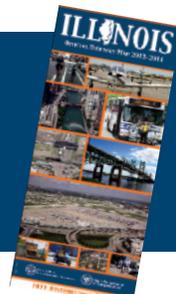


is today. Amtrak's passenger rail services transported 1.8 million people to and from destinations across Illinois in 2013, almost double the total of only 8 years ago. More than 42 million people flew on commercial flights to and from Illinois airports, plus tens of thousands more on general aviation or corporate flights.

Challenges to the quality and capacity of the Illinois transportation system are extensive and continuous, and IDOT continues to be proactive in transportation planning, maintenance, and project delivery to ensure that Illinois residents, visitors and commerce can easily access the state's transportation options and can safely and effectively reach their destinations.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2013, IDOT placed an Illinois State Map icon on the IDOT webpage to provide another option and increase accessibility for Illinois residents and visitors in requesting hard copies of the map.



IDOT SUMMARY

Whether traveling by car, train, bus or plane, the Illinois highway system, transit services, rail lines and airports keep travelers on track to their destinations. No matter the method of travel, if you are an Illinois resident or just visiting, it is IDOT's responsibility to ensure that each of Illinois' transportation modes complement each other and enrich lives across the state and nation. IDOT wants to improve the quality of life in every Illinois community through safe, accessible, sustainable and innovative means of travel.

FISCAL OVERVIEW

Illinois Jobs Now! (IJN!), Governor Pat Quinn's innovative infrastructure capital program that began in 2009, is the largest of its kind in Illinois history. IJN! is on track to provide almost \$20 billion for transportation needs through 2015. These investments since 2009 have created or supported more than 180,000 construction-related jobs in all transportation modes, and have enhanced the statewide economy and quality of life by maintaining and improving Illinois' world-class transportation system.

In 2013, new appropriations from the annual budget paid for public transportation operating assistance, state-supported rail passenger service, highway maintenance and traffic oper-

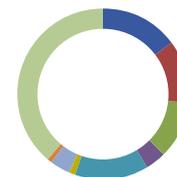
ILLINOIS JOBS NOW! Accomplishments

Governor Quinn's Six-Year Capital Transportation Program:

- \$14.9 billion invested in road and bridge projects
 - More than 7,500 miles of road
 - More than 1,300 bridges
 - \$400 million granted to local governments
 - Over 360 airport improvement projects totaling \$420 million in project costs
 - \$1.7 billion in rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvements for transit projects
 - \$800 million in rail investments including High-Speed Rail, New Rail Corridors and CREATE projects
- Supported more than 180,000 direct construction jobs.*

ations, roadway safety programs, the pass through of motor fuel taxes to local governments, and administrative costs for all modes. It also contains the capital appropriations for the current year of the multi-year program. These new appropriations represent only about one quarter of the department's total budget. The majority of the budget and most of the spending on capital projects are in re-appropriations of previous capital appropriations for the multi-year program which spends out over many years. The information in the following charts represents IDOT's FY 2013 and FY 2014 appropriations.

FY2014 New Appropriations by Program \$5,189.21 Million



In Millions of Dollars	FY2014
Highway Maintenance & Traffic	784, 15%
Motor Fuel Tax to Local Governments	608, 12%
Rail	553, 11%
Aeronautics	192, 4%
Transit Operating Assistance	732, 14%
Transit Capital Assistance	53, 1%
Multi-modal Administration	209, 4%
Traffic Safety Grants	45, 1%
Highway Construction	2,015, 39%
TOTAL	5,189.21

FY2013 New Appropriations by Program \$4,029 Million



In Millions of Dollars	FY2013
Highway Maintenance & Traffic	521, 13%
Motor Fuel Tax to Local Governments	608, 15%
Rail	431, 11%
Aeronautics	130, 3%
Transit Operating Assistance	612, 15%
Transit Capital Assistance	49, 1%
Multi-modal Administration	522, 13%
Traffic Safety Grants	19, 0%
Highway Construction	1,137, 28%
TOTAL	4,029

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

IDOT consists of four divisions and nine supporting offices. There are nine transportation districts in five regions across the state. The following organization chart represents the department's senior management for 2013. To view the organization chart and region map online, please visit IDOT's website.



*Director John Webber served as Interim Director for the Division of Traffic Safety during 2013.



Plowing snow on an Illinois Highway



Flooding assistance in western Illinois



Tornado assistance in Washington, IL

DID YOU KNOW?

It is not unusual for IDOT employees to go above and beyond the call of duty, especially when it comes to disaster relief. In 2013, devastating tornadoes, snow and ice storms, and flooding greatly impacted Illinois - statewide. IDOT's highway maintainers across the state, including Chicago's Emergency Traffic Patrol and the Metro East's Emergency Patrol Vehicle Unit, as well as IDOT office staff, spent countless hours on Illinois roadways and in Illinois communities assisting travelers and residents, clearing debris washed in by floods or blown in from strong winds, filling potholes, plowing snow, and much more.

In December, IDOT employees truly took on a unique role when they were contacted to assist with a murder investigation in the Alton area. Originally, IDOT was asked to help with searching the areas surrounding an identified bridge. In response, IDOT also arranged to have one of its ferry boats assist with transporting officers, cadaver dogs, and other employees. Alton Police Chief Simmons said, "all IDOT employees involved were instrumental in the search." IDOT stands ready to assist whenever and wherever needed.

166 IDOT
Maintenance Facilities

1,647 IDOT
Highway Maintainers

125
Emergency Repairs

\$6.4 million
Emergency Repair Cost

122,074
ETP Assists

5,790
EPV Assists

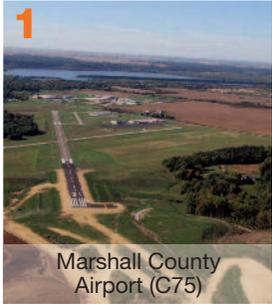
2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Secretary Schneider and her team entered 2013 with momentum and much anticipation for the challenges they would face and the successes they would achieve. IDOT's 2013 was busy, productive, and though challenges are inevitable, the department turned many of them into accomplishments. We have broken ground on the Circle Interchange project, entered into a contract to develop a congestion plan for Illinois, started a new construction career readiness program, and continued to emphasize how important transportation safety is across the state. We have started and completed grade separation projects such as at 71st Street in Bridgeview. Our 2013 accomplishments span countless transportation system improvements across Illinois, which have been started, completed or executed. The state's large (mega) transportation projects have made great advancements and IDOT has had innovative breakthroughs, which have enabled IDOT to enhance transportation management across the state. IDOT has also improved transportation-related communications and outreach to public and private stakeholders.

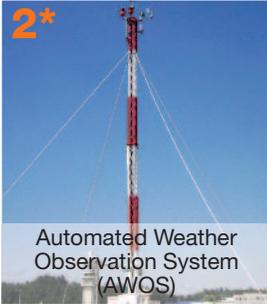


SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

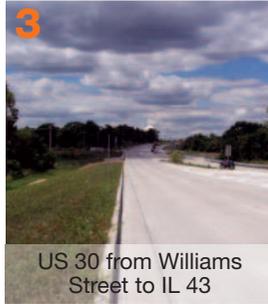
Each year IDOT and its transportation partners work with Illinois communities to improve and enhance the state's transportation system. In cooperation with federal, state, regional and local agencies and the public, IDOT develops and maintains a comprehensive and multi-modal (highway, public transportation, rail and airport) integrated planning and programming process for efficient, economical, and sustainable transportation services. Hundreds of projects are undertaken simultaneously across the state. Each year, these efforts are presented in the department's Annual Construction Program, its year-end review, called For the Record, and the annual Multi-Year Transportation Improvement Program. The following multi-modal transportation projects are only a few of the many IDOT accomplishments from 2013.



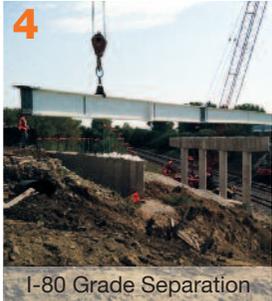
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Marshall County
Airport (C75)



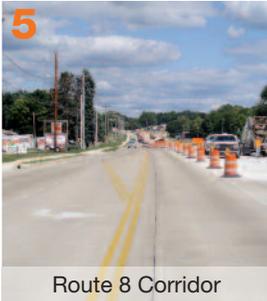
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Automated Weather
Observation System
(AWOS)



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US 30 from Williams
Street to IL 43



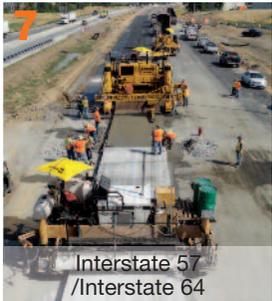
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I-80 Grade Separation



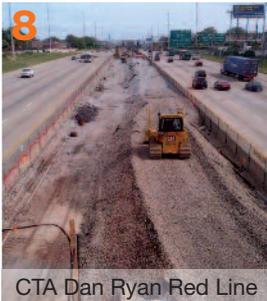
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Route 8 Corridor



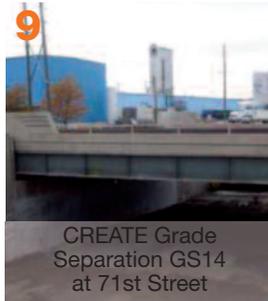
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Interstate 57
/Interstate 70



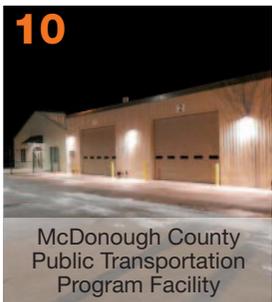
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/Interstate 64



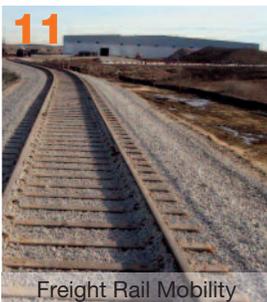
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CTA Dan Ryan Red Line



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CREATE Grade
Separation GS14
at 71st Street



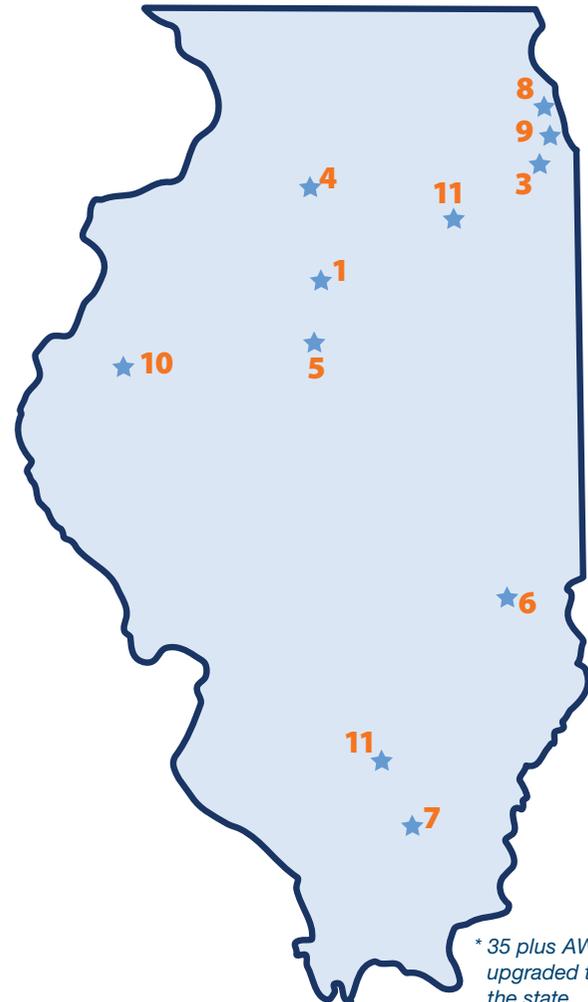
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McDonough County
Public Transportation
Program Facility



11
Freight Rail Mobility

DID YOU KNOW?

IDOT has hundreds of ongoing or recently completed projects. You can visit IDOT's website, www.GettingAroundIllinois.com, to search the entire state for active and future transportation projects in your area or the entire state.



* 35 plus AWOS systems upgraded throughout the state.

AIRPORTS

In Calendar Year 2013, IDOT placed 72 projects on lettings, totaling more than \$58 million for construction at airports in Illinois. To maintain a safe airport system, the department conducted more than 170 safety inspections at landing facilities all across Illinois. IDOT also partners with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), local airport sponsors, and aviation-oriented groups to encourage continuing education for pilots and airport operators. In 2013, the department hosted or presented at more than a dozen seminars for pilots, aircraft mechanics, and aviation enthusiasts, with total attendance of some 1,500 participants. The Air Operations fleet flew nearly 6,000 passengers in 2013. And in an effort to promote aviation to the next generation of flyers, staff participated in several Career Days throughout the year as well.



1. Marshall County Airport (C75) – Extend Runway 13/31 to 4,000 feet: Marshall County Airport is located near Lacon, about 25 miles northeast of Peoria just east of the Illinois River. For years, the airport has been in need of a longer runway to allow prospective users with larger planes the ability to fly directly to Lacon. Several alternatives were studied over the past 25 years, and the most cost effective choice was to extend runway 13/31 800 feet to the southeast. The runway extension was a very challenging project due to the existing topography. In essence, a hill had to be “shaved down” for the runway to be extended the needed 800 feet. At 4,000 feet in runway length, most twin aircraft and light jets are able to use the facility including the State fleet of King Air aircraft.

2. Statewide Automated Weather Observation System Upgrade: Thanks to the Governor’s IJN! program, IDOT is able to upgrade the aging 35 plus AWOS stations strategically located throughout the state. Unfortunately, most AWOS stations contain out of date components that are no longer available or serviceable. The statewide upgrade will rectify this problem. AWOS provides real time weather information to pilots in Illinois. As such, take-offs and landings are conducted safely even in bad weather. In addition, the National Weather Service relies heavily on these systems for forecasting purposes, including severe weather forecasts.



WORKING WITH DBEs

IDOT works hard to make sure the department operates in an equal and diverse manner in all of its business processes. Through the DBE program, IDOT is able to ensure diversity goals are tracked and the department will continue to work to meet their goals. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Stats:

- Overall Aspirational DBE Statewide Goal: 22.77%
- Total Contract Awards: \$2,216,719,314
- Total DBE Commitments: \$353,311,389 (15.94%)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE) provides contracting opportunities to small businesses owned and managed by socially or economically disadvantaged individuals. DBE certification provides small businesses with additional opportunities on transportation related contracts. DBE goals are placed on highway, airport and rail contracts and only businesses certified as DBEs can be utilized to meet those contract goals.

SMART TRANSPORTATION

IDOT held a public meeting in 2013 to discuss the utilization of the Smart Transportation technique, managing lanes, on Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/94. Several managed lane scenarios are being considered, including a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane with NO toll and a High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane where HOV vehicles (cars and buses) ride either free or at a reduced rate while other passenger cars can use the lane if they want to pay a toll. To further discuss these options and the project, another public meeting is being planned for February 2014.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

In FY 2013, IDOT accomplished 2,516 highway projects totaling \$2.603 billion. This included the improvement of 661 miles of pavement and the repair or reconstruction of 183 bridges. IDOT also conducted more than 6,500 bridge inspections. The department facilitated dozens of public outreach meetings across the state to discuss projects with area communities and transportation stakeholders.

3. US 30 from Williams Street to IL 43 (Harlem Avenue) in Will County: This \$79.5 million project included the reconstruction of US 30 to provide two 12 foot lanes in each direction separated by a 22-foot wide raised curb median throughout the limits, the exception being a 12-foot wide bi-directional turn lane being utilized from Williams Street to the west entrance of Lincoln-Way High School. Curb and gutter with a new drainage system was installed, as well as a ten-foot wide bike path or five-foot sidewalk adjacent to the road on either side were requested by local agencies. The project also included the widening of the existing bridge over Hickory Creek to accommodate the proposed pavement widening, as well as a noise wall installation between the segments from Williams Street to US 45. These project improvements will improve travel delays in this growing area, which will ultimately improve access for businesses and residents. Multi-modal travelers will have a safer and wider roadway with enhanced operation and lower accident potential. Surrounding communities will also be positively impacted with decreased congestion, improved air quality, sound reductions, and active transportation options. This IJN! project was completed in fall 2013, and created more than 1,000 jobs.



GRADE SEPARATIONS

A grade separation is a distinct separation between one mode of transportation and another so one mode is not disrupted by the other as they cross. Most often, these separations are between a roadway and rail. Grade separations greatly improve safety and can be instrumental in decreasing congestion, which ultimately helps with emission and noise reductions.

4. Grade Separation Construction on I-80 Project in Bureau County: This \$17.8 million project included the removal and replacement of two structures over US 34 and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as well as the reconstruction of approximately one-mile of pavement with concrete pavement and hot mix asphalt resurfacing for approximately five-miles from Princeton to I-180. The existing structures were in poor condition and the replacement will help perpetuate cross country freight movement and mobility for the motoring public. The project also utilized several sustainable components such as using milled up hot mix asphalt from the project location in this and other projects, as well as the using of milled up concrete in the project's embankment. The project was completed in fall 2013, and created more than 200 jobs.

5. Route 8 Corridor Improvement Project in Tazewell County:

This \$10.2 million project consisted of the pavement reconstruction (four-lane improvement) on Illinois 8 from Summit Drive to Legion Road in Washington. The reconstruction enables safer and wider roadways in the area, as well as enhanced commercial and residential development in the surrounding communities. Additionally, the improvements bring the roadway up to current safety standards and add an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible multi-use path to a predominantly residential area. Some non-roadway work will need to be finalized in spring 2014, but construction was completed in late 2013, and created more than 100 jobs.



6. Interstate 57/Interstate 70 in Effingham County:

This \$45.8 million project consisted of the reconstruction of I-57/I-70 roadway with an additional lane added in each direction from the I-57 and I-70 intersection south of Effingham to the Fayette Avenue exit. It also included, but was not limited to earthwork, storm sewer, culvert extensions and bridge widening rehabilitation and replacement. The project's improvements will enhance safety, improve travel, increase traffic capacity, and decrease congestion. The project also included several sustainable components. The asphalt sub-base was made with 40 percent recycled material and existing concrete pavement was crushed and reused through the project for various bases. The project was completed in fall 2013 and created nearly 600 jobs.

7. Interstate 57/Interstate-64 in Jefferson County:

This \$30.6 million project consisted of the construction of continuously reinforced concrete pavement over the existing pavement and building an additional lane on the inside of existing pavement for a 4.7 mile stretch of I-57/I-64 in Mt. Vernon. The project included rubblization of the existing concrete pavement. Rubblization is a construction technique that involves saving time and transportation cost by breaking/reducing the existing concrete pavement at its current location. Specialized equipment breaks up the old roadway into small pieces to make a base for new pavement. This saves the expense of transporting the old pavement to a disposal site, and purchasing/ transporting new base materials for the replacement paving. The old worn-out Portland cement concrete pavement is recycled into a base for the new pavement. The existing pavement was in poor condition and had required pavement patching each year costing scarce resources and causing repeated lengthy back-ups. The project's improvements will increase capacity, ultimately alleviating congestion, and will decrease the immediate maintenance costs. The project was completed in late 2013, and created nearly 400 jobs.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2013, IDOT let and completed three "total recycle asphalt" resurfacing projects. IDOT hopes that further developing this concept will bring benefits including a 20 percent reduction on material cost and the re-use of materials that would normally be taken to the land-fill.



2013 Road & Bridge Statistics

1,457 Land Acquisition Parcels

1,027 Projects Let

982 Projects Awarded through Letting

\$1.9 billion Letting Award Amount



RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSIT

IDOT oversees the state's public transportation network, including urban commuter options, and its intercity passenger and freight rail system. In 2013, the Downstate Capital Initiative announced a statewide award of close to \$100 million to 47 downstate transit grantees, with selections completed in time to permit inclusion in Governor Quinn's multi-year plan announcement. This initiative helps fund the construction of new facilities, the replacement of over-aged rolling stock, and upgrades to maintenance equipment, software, and hardware. The FY 2014 - 2019 rail portion of the multi-year program identified \$1.121 billion in funding from state and federal revenue sources for improving passenger service and for freight improvement projects

8. Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Dan Ryan Red Line

Reconstruction Project: This \$425 million project was funded entirely by Governor Quinn's IJN! program. CTA's Dan Ryan Red Line is more than 40 years old and was rebuilt on time and under budget. IDOT oversaw state funding and payments, and played a key role in facilitating multi-agency alternative service planning by bringing the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) service agencies – CTA, Metra, and Pace – together for meetings to encourage Metra and Pace to offer additional service during the Red Line construction period. IDOT also played a leadership role in planning and executing a lane closure strategy that permitted CTA to complete the project within the five month timeframe, a complex undertaking given the Englewood Flyover project being built in the same area at the same time. The Red Line project consisted of two general contracts. One contract of \$220 million was for infrastructure of approximately 20 miles in both directions consisting of replacing ballast, drainage, ties, and track running rails from the Cermak Station to the 95th Street Terminal. The infrastructure contract exceeded the DBE goal of 28 percent. The second contract was for renovations at eight passenger stations for \$43.9 million, with a DBE participation rate of more than 40 percent. New elevators were installed at Garfield/55th Street, 63rd and 87th Street stations thus making the entire Dan Ryan accessible for passengers in wheel-chairs.

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS PUBLIC TRANSIT TASK FORCE

Governor Quinn issued Executive Order 13-06 on August 15, 2013, to address serious concerns regarding the current structure of north-eastern Illinois' public transit system. The Governor appointed 15 members to serve on the task force. Secretary Ann L. Schneider was named as Co-Chair. On October 16, task force members approved an interim report and delivered it to the Governor and General Assembly. The task force will deliver a final report by the deadline of March 31, 2014. The task force has been busy studying, examining, and evaluating transit in the region and across the world to ensure the recommendations they develop for the final report will be meaningful and comprehensive.

9. Completion of CREATE grade separation (GS14) at 71st Street in the Village of Bridgeview:

The Village of Bridgeview and CSX are partners on the Grade Separation, a \$30.2 million project; \$20.3 million is federal TIGER I money and \$9.5 million from the Governor's IJN! program. Bridgeview contributed more than \$350,000 for the project. This is the third grade separation project to be completed in the CREATE program with three more in construction and another seven grade separation projects in active design. The project opened to traffic on Saturday, November 2, 2013.





- 10. McDonough County Public Transportation Program Facility in Macomb:** This project included the complete renovation and reuse of a former manufacturing facility to serve as the centralized vehicle maintenance, storage, and administrative center for the McDonough County Public Transportation Program (MCPT). The State of Illinois contributed \$2.0 million from IJN! of the \$14.8 million total grant funds. All functions of MCPT's 273,000 square-foot facility are located at this site, including dispatching, driver training, administration, drug and alcohol testing, driver break area, vehicle fueling, washing, maintenance and indoor storage of some 60 vehicles.

DID YOU KNOW?

IDOT has an Economic Development Program (EDP) that is designed to provide state assistance in improving highway access to new or expanding industrial distribution or tourism developments. The EDP program is designed to provide up to 50 percent state funding for eligible locally owned roadways, and 100 percent state funding for roadway improvements on state owned routes. The remaining 50 percent match will be provided by local government entities or private sources. In FY 2013, 13 projects received EDP commitments totaling approximately \$16.8 million. Projects span from road improvements in Winnebago County to roadway extensions in Bond County. These commitments will create more than 200 jobs. Also in 2013, IDOT staff received direct positive feedback from industry partners on the EDP approval process for projects. The Freight Rail Mobility projects listed are two examples of projects funded through this program. For more information visit IDOT's website.

- 11. Freight Rail Mobility:** Two projects were completed in the Freight Rail Program in FY 2013. The projects were located in Jefferson and Oglesby counties with expenditures totaling about \$6.3 million. One project was the Rochelle Nippon Sharyo facility which included new rail infrastructure for receiving critical materials for constructing rail passenger cars and helped create 250 new jobs. The other project included the construction of a new rail spur from a Union Pacific mainline into Continental Tire North America in Mt. Vernon. This project enabled Continental Tire North America to receive raw unprocessed materials via freight rail to produce car tires. Both projects created jobs and spurred economic development in their respective regions.



MEGA PROJECTS

Each year, IDOT has several projects that hold a special interest to a specific region of the state of the entire state. These projects, designated as mega projects, significantly impact communities by improving travel times, decreasing congestion, reducing emissions, enhancing safety, creating jobs and strengthening area economies by supplying new or improved travel options. This year IDOT has completed, begun, and continued working on several mega projects.

mega project websites!

- www.createprogram.org
- www.idothsr.org
- www.circleinterchange.org
- www.newriverbridge.org
- www.illianacorridor.org
- www.southsuburbanairport.com

STAN MUSIAL VETERANS' MEMORIAL BRIDGE



The New Mississippi River Bridge project, now officially named the Stan Musial Veterans' Memorial Bridge, featured construction of a four-lane cable-stayed bridge over the Mississippi River from the Metro East area in Illinois to St. Louis, Missouri, to carry newly relocated I-70 from the I-55/70/64 (Tri-Level) Interchange in Illinois to the new river bridge, and numerous improvements to the local street network to accommodate the new construction. Construction of the new bridge will increase safety in and around the St. Louis metro area, relieve congestion on the existing Poplar Street Bridge, and provide additional options for travelers on the transportation system.

The project consisted of 37 construction contracts. Of these, 32 contracts were administered by IDOT, and five contracts were administered by the Missouri Department of Transportation. Design, archaeology and land acquisition began in 2008. In 2011, the project received the FHWA Environmental Excellence Award for cultural and historical resource studies and preservation through its archeological dig where more than 100 archeologists excavated along the new corridor to explore portions of the East St. Louis Mound Center. Construction has been ongoing since 2009. The remaining contracts to be completed, which are landscaping contracts, will be completed by the summer of 2014 with the bridge being opened to traffic in February 2014. At opening, the overall project had a DBE utilization of 19.0 percent. The overall construction workforce utilization was 22.7 percent for minorities and 5.7 percent for females and included nearly 64,000 trainee hours of which more than 57,000 were on IDOT contracts. The overall cost of the project was \$695 million.

Overall Project Start Date	FHWA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) in 2001, Bi-State Agreement with Missouri was signed February 2008
Construction Start Date	First Illinois contracts started in summer 2009, Main Span Contract administered by Missouri started in February 2010
Project Completion Date	Bridge opening -- February 9, 2014
Estimated Project Cost	Overall project including design, land acquisition, utility and railroad relocations and construction costs \$695 million (including Missouri); Illinois project contributions \$305 million (with \$42 million from IJN!).

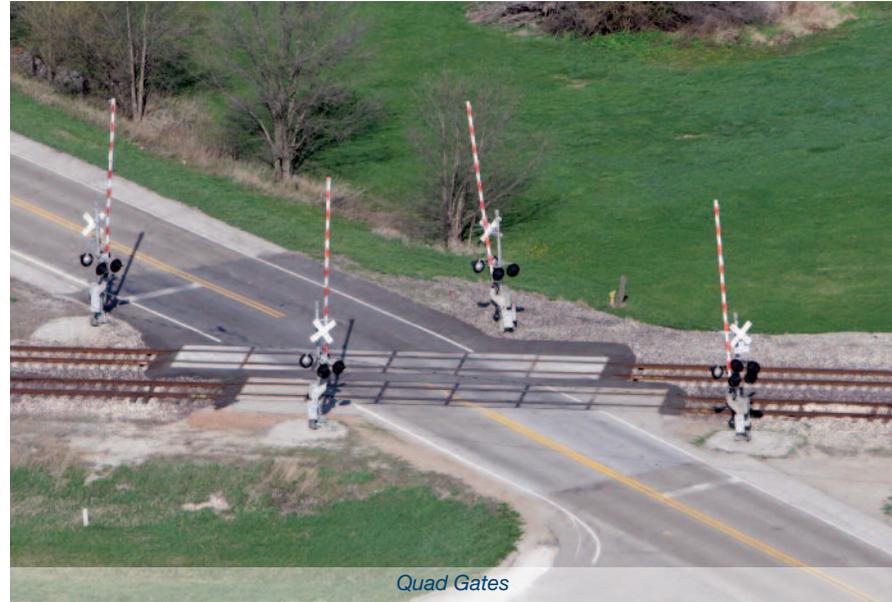
HIGH-SPEED RAIL (HSR)

The Illinois high-speed rail project between Chicago and St. Louis is bringing faster and improved travel to the Midwest and will attract travelers from across the nation. In 2013, IDOT and the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) performed the final three phases of planned upgrades to the Chicago to St. Louis high-speed rail corridor that reaches operating speeds of 110 miles per hour. These upgrades include the installation of premium rail with concrete ties and stone ballast, upgrades to bridges, culverts and drainage, signal and wayside equipment installations and upgrades, and roadway-rail grade crossing improvements. UP and IDOT have executed a \$102 million, state-funded capacity expansion agreement that will greatly enhance the Dwight-Joliet work already planned near the north end of the high-speed rail corridor; the additional capacity will permit an additional five-minute travel time reduction, sufficient capacity to upgrade to include a fourth daily round trip to 110 mph, travel time reductions by the end of 2015, and other benefits. Train service at 110 mph between Dwight and Joliet started in fall 2012.

High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail service between Chicago and St. Louis will be operational in 2015 for a significant portion of the Joliet and Carlinville segment, with the remainder (Carlinville to Alton) planned for up to 110 mph service in 2017.

AMTRAK UPGRADES

New railcar procurement designs are under way and all state-supported trains received wifi improvements in 2013.



Overall Project Start Date	January 2010
Construction Start Date	September 2010
Tentative Project Completion Date	Fall 2015 (Phase 1: Dwight to Alton) Fall 2017 (Phase 2: Dwight to Joliet)
Estimated Project Cost	\$1.8 billion, with 90 percent from federal grants
2013 Year-End Status & Accomplishments	In January 2013, IDOT was awarded locomotive procurement leadership by the Federal Railroad Administration. IDOT and UP executed a memorandum of understanding for construction of additional double track to provide reduced travel time, a fourth train at up to 110 mph, and delivery of train schedule improvements in 2015 rather than 2017. UP successfully completed three intensive bridge outages.

CIRCLE INTERCHANGE

The Circle Interchange, serving as a key interstate access point in the South Loop area in Chicago, is critical to the entire nation's transportation system, particularly for freight movement on Interstate and arterial roadways. Traffic has grown to more than 400,000 per day, including 33,000 commercial trucks, and has a significant impact on roadway capacity and levels of service. This has made the Circle Interchange the slowest, most congested highway freight bottlenecks in the nation, according to the American Transportation Research Institute and the FHWA. In addition, over 1,100 crashes are reported on average per year at the Circle Interchange.

Interstate 90/94 at I-290 Circle Interchange is located in the heart of downtown Chicago, adjacent to the west end of the central business district. Greektown is located to the northwest and the University of Illinois at Chicago is situated to the southwest. The cost for this project is \$420 million dollars over four years. More than 5,000 local jobs will be supported with an infrastructure investment of this size, while benefiting the people living and working in the region, and getting them to and from their destinations more safely, quickly, and efficiently.

Four contracts were let in fall 2013, including removal and replacement of the Morgan Street Bridge, bulkheading of five abandoned underground water tunnels, water main materials procurement, and bridge removal and replacement at Halsted Street and West Harrison bridges. The completion of this project will bring emission reductions, offer more transportation options for travelers and greatly improve safety along this key access point. These transportation options include ADA accommodations that will increase access to transit and bike and pedestrian improvements such as bike lanes and wider sidewalks.

Overall Project Start Date	June, 2012
Construction Start Date	Fall 2013
Tentative Project Completion Date	2017
Estimated Project Cost	\$450 million
2012 Year-End Status & Accomplishments	Four construction contracts let and broke ground



SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT (SSA)

Located in Will County, SSA will serve as a new global air transportation hub that will employ more than 11,000 workers throughout construction of the airport and 14,000 people when operational. The state has invested more than \$30 million toward the purchase of 3,023 acres for the inaugural airport. The inaugural airport footprint will be approximately 5,800 acres. The South Suburban Airport's 9,500-foot runway has been designed to routinely handle aircraft such as the Boeing 737 and Airbus A320, but will also be able to accommodate limited operations of larger, wide-body aircraft like the Boeing 767, Airbus A340 and Boeing 747. After years of working to make it a reality, in 2013, Governor Quinn signed PA 98-0109, which authorized IDOT to enter into a P3 for the development, financing, and/or operation of the airport. This law will give the department the power to build SSA. This new airport would serve a vital role in the region by providing convenient and accessible venues for commercial passenger service, cargo operations, as well as corporate and general aviation activities.

IDOT has submitted all components of the Airport Master Plan to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This comprehensive study is used as the basis for modernizing, expanding, or creating a new airport. In December 2013, IDOT revised and resubmitted two components of the Airport Master Plan: Facilities Implementation Plan and Financial Feasibility Report. Additionally, the FAA is preparing a Tier Two Environmental Impact Statement that will assess the environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Inaugural Airport Program (IAP).

Overall Project Start Date O'Hare ROD in mid 1980s started the search for a supplemental air carrier airport to serve Chicago. Several site studies and environmental studies occurred throughout the 1990s. SSA's Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) ROD in 2002 said that Peotone was the preferred site. This solidified SSA's location and role and is when the current Master Plan and land acquisition started.

Construction Start Date Construction is expected to begin after the FAA issues the Tier 2 EIS ROD and a P3 procurement takes place.

Tentative Project Completion Date Construction will likely take several construction seasons.

Estimated Project Cost Cost schedules are being developed as part of the ongoing Master Plan effort.

2013 Year-End Status & Accomplishments Land Acquisition: Acquired 6 parcels (632 acres) and have condemnation filings for 7 parcels (141 acres). All of the reports for the Airport Master Plan have been submitted and have either been accepted or are under FAA review (one was accepted in 2013: Environmental Considerations Report).



ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Secretary Schneider is a passionate advocate and a strong leader when it comes to advancing the safety agenda on Illinois roads. IDOT is committed to ensure safety is the hallmark of transportation in Illinois – across all modes. Each year, IDOT employs many safety initiatives and is constantly striving to identify safety best practices on the road, in the air, and on the rails. Safety engineering and safety outreach are two of the key components of IDOT’s safety strategy.

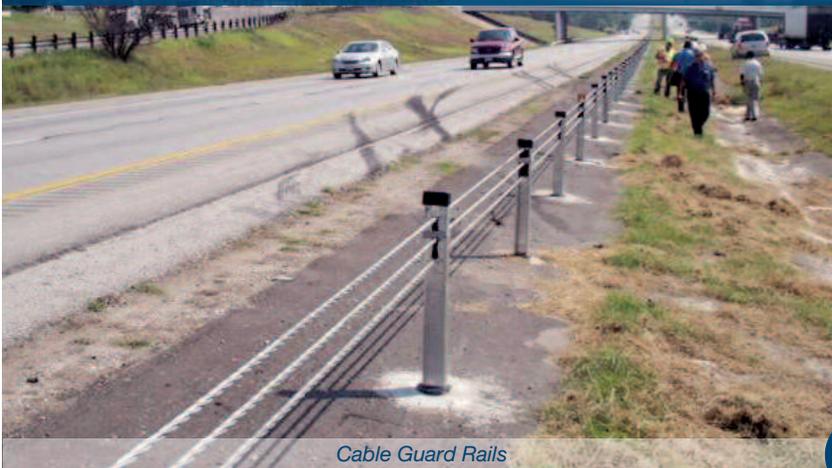
SAFETY ENGINEERING

Illinois developed its first Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) in 2005 to identify areas of emphasis for safety efforts to most effectively reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Illinois fatality numbers since 2009 have been the lowest in state history since the early 1920s. IDOT is encouraging development of local SHSPs because most state fatalities occur on local roads and streets. In 2013, safety plans have been drafted for 35 counties where the most fatal crashes occur.

Technical analytical tools were developed using statewide Geographic Information Service source data as part of Illinois' overall safety effort and were used in the local SHSP development. These analytical tools help safety stakeholders (multi-discipline: engineering, behavioral, enforcement, and emergency services) to identify safety strategies. This will help IDOT more effectively direct limited Highway Safety Improvement Funds and other Highway Safety Program grants.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the southern portion of the state, IDOT’s Region 5, the department added speed indicator boards to all interstate projects in an effort to get motorists to slow down and save the lives of travelers and those working on the roads.



Cable Guard Rails



Traffic Safety State Fair Float

SAFETY CAMPAIGNS

IDOT and various partners across the state, including Illinois State Police (ISP), Illinois Secretary of State (SOS), and Illinois Tollway, are actively engaged in communities across the state promoting transportation safety through a series of campaigns. In 2013, these campaigns, through social media, billboards, outreach, and radio and television commercials, continued to reach thousands of constituents from all age groups. Most recently, the “Ice and Snow – Take It Slow” winter campaign was launched to communicate the roll out of the state’s frontline winter road crews and ensure that snow plows and other emergency equipment are ready for the current snow and ice season. IDOT, ISP, SOS and the Illinois Tollway want to make certain that travelers understand and are aware that during the winter months, they will likely be sharing the road with winter road crews and equipment.

All of IDOT’s safety campaigns and efforts are important. In 2013, teen campaigns reached thousands of teenagers through events and demonstrations. Two of these programs, which target teens, include Operation Teen Safe Driving and Drive for Tomorrow.

Operation Teen Safe Driving:

IDOT's April 2013 Operation Teen Safe Driving campaign reached more than 800 teens and 50 driving educators participated in hands-on, behind the wheel events. Students were able to observe professional drivers on three separate courses that demonstrated critical driving skills. Teens then had the opportunity to drive the same courses with the professional drivers sitting in the passenger seat to provide tips and assistance.



Drive for Tomorrow: In November, more than 1,400 teenagers were hosted and trained through a new safety initiative called Drive for Tomorrow. This program is designed to supplement and reinforce classroom and behind the wheel instruction for driver's education students from ten schools in the Metro East area. Structured like a school day, students in this program are divided into groups that rotate through presentations. These include work zone safety, motorcycle awareness, distracted driving, railroad safety, no-zone-trucking, seat belt usage with a roll-over simulator, golf carts with fatal vision goggles, and texting. Lastly, they receive a presentation called



Drive for Tomorrow

StreetSmart, which is facilitated by a group of firefighters and paramedics from Florida, who travel the nation teaching students the hazards of alcohol and drugs, impaired or distracted driving, excessive speed, and the importance of seat belts.

DID YOU KNOW?

A new state law went into effect in January 2014 that requires that all motorists put their phones and other mobile devices down while driving on Illinois roads.

77 State HSIP Projects

\$126.5 million

State HSIP Project Amount

20 Local HSIP Projects

\$8.2 million

Local HSIP Project Amount

2013 SAFETY EFFORTS

- Click It or Ticket
- Digital Messaging on Illinois Roadways
- Don't Drink and Ride
- Drive for Tomorrow
- Drive Now. Text Later.
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
- Driving Zero Fatalities to a Reality
- Gear up
- Highway Safety Improvement Program
- It Can Wait
- Many Safety Seminars (Aviation)
- National Child Passenger Safety Week
- National Click It or Ticket
- Operation Teen Safe Driving
- Road Safety Assessments
- Safety First! and Illinois Aviation Publications
- SHSP Implementation
- Slow Moving Vehicle Awareness
- Start Seeing Motorcycles
- Super Safety (Aviation)
- Yellow Dot Program

INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

IDOT started, continued, and completed many projects throughout 2013. While some of IDOT's employees and business partners were focusing on project development and execution, others were focusing on strategically enhancing IDOT's transportation management to ensure that Illinois, its residents, and its visitors are served by a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system that is safe, sustainable, accessible and innovative for years to come.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING SYSTEMS (EBIDS)

In November 2013, IDOT became the first transportation agency in the country with a fully web-based electronic bidding system that allows the contracting community to submit bids electronically – giving IDOT business partners another option on letting days. Electronic bidding has had various positive effects for IDOT and the transportation industry including lower internal administrative costs to both IDOT and the participating bidders. Additionally, industry partners are assisted by the electronic system as it identifies missed pay item bid amounts and missed certification acknowledgements, as well as automatically calculating pay item extensions and total bid amounts. The system stores redundant information requirements, validates bonding requirements, and stores the submitted bid for later review. IDOT looks forward to expanding the role of EBids in 2014.

DBE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

On July 1, 2013, Illinois Public Act 98-0117 took effect and created the DBE Working Capital Revolving Fund Loan Program. This program is designed to assist DBEs that want to participate in IDOT construction and construction-related contracts by accessing project financing costs through the availability of low-interest lines of credit. The program became available for projects on the November 2013 construction letting and uniquely targets DBEs that have been denied access to financial resources through the conventional lending process. A special thank you is extended to the bi-partisan legislative sponsors and Governor Quinn for approving the legislation to make this program a reality. This program will help build the capacity of DBE partners and allow for increased participation and competition in the transportation industry.

WATERWAYS

Illinois is a multi-modal state and IDOT is a multi-modal agency. In 2013, IDOT took on a more hands-on approach in the Illinois maritime responsibilities. The department signed on as a participant in the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) M-70 Corridor Study, which included several states along the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri Rivers who are exploring opportunities to increase freight movement on inland

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2013, IDOT, through the federally funded and competitive Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program, announced \$50 million for 54 projects statewide, including bike paths, walking trails, historic preservation, and streetscape beautification. Three of these projects broke ground in 2013 and the remaining 51 are in the planning or engineering phase. For more information visit IDOT's website.

waterways. IDOT and Missouri DOT, co-sponsors for the MARAD M-55 Study, presented the M-55 Study to stakeholders in the St. Louis area. Additionally, at the request of Governor Quinn, an Interagency Port Working Group was established that consists of Illinois agencies: IDOT, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, Capital Development Board, and Department of Agriculture. The group is tasked to collaborate on Mississippi River issues, explore opportunities for economic development, and to enhance regulatory efficiencies. Through these efforts and others, IDOT hopes to continue to strengthen Illinois' multi-modal transportation system, make connections where and when possible, and support its diverse freight network.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

IDOT strives to be a leader in conservation, efficiency, and environmental stewardship in Illinois and throughout the nation through the integration of green practices in everyday business, construction and design functions. In 2013, IDOT continued to search out sustainable transportation options including:

Switchgrass: IDOT is working with the University of Illinois (U of I) to implement a switchgrass initiative to utilize IDOT's right-of-way areas along interstates and other highways. These native grasses can be converted into vehicle fuel (E85) and in pelletized form can be used for heat or electricity generation. In 2013, in cooperation with U of I, a test plot was planted in Champaign County, at the edge of Rantoul.



Research Partnership with UIUC: In 2013, as part of IDOT's long-term commitment to sustainable practices, IDOT entered into a partnership with the Illinois Center for Transportation at the U of I Urbana-Champaign. This partnership, funded through a \$2.6 million agreement, is for sustainable transportation research over the next three years. IDOT hopes to research and implement green technologies in day-to-day operations and transportation improvements in planning, design, construction, operation, preservation and maintenance activities.

Illinois State Bike Plan: In accordance with the 2012 Illinois State Transportation Plan, also known as IDOT's Long Range Plan, the Illinois Bike Transportation Plan follows the theme of Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow. It will provide the department with policies, best practices and strategic direction for implementing a sustainable, multi-modal vision for Illinois. During 2013, nine public meetings were held devoted to the bike plan. Another 16 meetings were held that included the bike plan on the agenda. The plan is slated to be completed in early 2014, and will serve as a bike improvements policy

document as well as an action plan with specific recommendations that will help IDOT make its commitment to long-term transportation, livability and sustainability a reality.

Wind Turbine Initiative: A feasibility study was completed in 2012 for a wind turbine installation at the Mississippi Rapids Welcome Center at I-80 near the Illinois-Iowa border. This is a single wind turbine of about 20 KWs. The feasibility study reviewed potential environmental impacts at the site. As a result of the study, it was determined that the project will not affect the Elton E. Fawks Bald Eagle Refuge Nature Preserve. The turbine will actually be constructed as a mono-tower, as opposed to a lattice tower, to eliminate the possibility of roosting on the tower. The Recommendation to Award the contract for the turbine was submitted in September 2013, with an accepted bid in October. Construction is expected to begin in 2014.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

IDOT started 2013 with a bang by announcing the release of the Illinois State Transportation Plan, a long-range plan that aims to better integrate Illinois' transportation modes and make new connections among them. Throughout 2013 and while we move into the future, IDOT will continue to monitor the goals and objectives laid out in this plan to ensure Illinois' transportation system is safe, efficient, sustainable, and improves quality of life for its residents and visitors.



Interstate 55

BUS ON SHOULDER

In 2011, IDOT implemented the Bus on Shoulder program on Interstate 55, the Stevenson Expressway. This effort was initiated to assist with the increased ridership and extreme congestion on roads in this area. Pace, a Regional Transportation Authority service board, expanded to accommodate increased ridership following initial progress made by the pilot program. There are expansions under way on the Interstate 55 Bus on Shoulder program. Upon completion of the expansion, there would be uninterrupted shoulder travel from Willow Springs Road to the Dan Ryan Ramps – approximately 14 miles. IDOT hopes this will be accomplished by fall 2014. Additionally, in 2013, a stand-alone Phase I study was introduced for the proposed Edens Expressway Bus on Shoulder Study, which involves about 14 miles of Edens Expressway from Foster Avenue to Lake Cook Road. The study was initiated at the end of October 2013.

Environmental Statistics

543 Natural Resources – Biological Reviews

568 Cultural Resources – Cultural Reviews

338 Special Water Resources – Special Water Reviews

8,000 Acres of IDOT Right-of-Way Identified for possible cellulosic grass implementation



Illinois bicycle/pedestrian path

IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

IDOT is actively going out into Illinois communities to spread the word about IDOT projects, improvement programs, and outreach campaigns. IDOT wants you to know about the transportation improvements and impacts that are occurring in and around your community and the state. Get involved in one, preferably more, of its activities, from public outreach meetings to following IDOT on Twitter.

PRESS CONFERENCES, RELEASES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IDOT held or participated in dozens of press events in 2013, reaching thousands of transportation stakeholders, as well as publishing more than 100 press releases. Events included ribbon cuttings, ground-breakings, project announcements, workshops, conferences, and public outreach/information meetings. Secretary Schneider and her team traveled throughout Illinois to support and communicate information about Illinois' transportation infrastructure, IDOT projects, and effects on nearby communities.

PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS

IDOT holds public outreach meetings to engage area communities and enable individuals to participate in the development and advancement of transportation projects and proposals in their regions and communities. One venue for these public outreach meetings is the multi-year transportation improvement program. Each year, IDOT holds meetings that facilitate the development of the next year's multi-year program. IDOT also used these meetings in 2013 to promote the new Illinois State Bike Plan, and conducted these meetings to ensure a variety of participants could be reached. In addition to the 16 "in-person" meetings that were held across the state, two webinars were held – one for the Chicago area and one statewide.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

IDOT employees across the state are responsible for providing links among IDOT, local elected officials, metropolitan planning organizations, and the general public. These employees serve as the first point of contact between the public and applicable IDOT districts, and actively develop an understanding of the general perspectives on transportation needs and issues affecting the various communities.

Motorist Survey

The results of IDOT's 2013 Motorist Survey revealed that the most positive ratings from a surveyed group of Illinois residents were in the areas of traffic signage (81 percent excellent or good) and electronic message boards that advise of delays or construction areas (79 percent excellent or good). At nearly a 70 percent rating of excellent or good were snow and ice removal and the visibility of lane/shoulder markings.

ON THE MOVE, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

IDOT utilizes several types of social media and email subscriptions to provide real-time information to interested residents and travelers. IDOT regularly provides notifications and updates through these tools: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and IDOT's free subscription service, called IDOT in Motion. This year alone, for the IDOT in Motion subscription service, IDOT sent out more than 800 notifications. Additionally, in 2013, IDOT created ten videos for its web-based On the Move informational series with Secretary Schneider, showcasing IDOT transportation initiatives or special issues. Each of these tools can help keep Illinois residents notified of any adverse road conditions or inclement weather situations occurring across the state, as well as updates on transportation opportunities or events.



Public outreach meeting, Springfield, IL



Secretary Schneider speaking at the City Club of Chicago in late 2013



IL390 Event

Twitter Followers 14,186	YouTube Videos 155
LinkedIn Followers 1,283	YouTube Views 72,164
Facebook Likes 15,429	YouTube Subscribers 185
6,835 IDOT in Motion Contacts	



Meet & Greet event

DID YOU KNOW?

In October, IDOT held the fourth, nationally promoted, “Get on Board” Business Networking Event. The event is designed to provide networking opportunities targeted toward DBEs in the rail transportation industry. Attendees included professionals from the Class I railroads, Metra, community partners, and transportation industry firms. Forty rail industry exhibitors and more than 200 DBE representatives participated.

In November, IDOT hosted a “Meet and Greet” event that welcomed more than 300 engineering consultants from 187 firms. During this two-day event, attendees were able to meet the members of the IDOT Engineering Selection Committee. Events such as this are important as IDOT continues its dedication to forging relationships with industry partners.



Get on Board event



IMPROVED HUMAN CAPITAL

IDOT believes in the development of human capital through specific skill sets needed to ensure that the current and future transportation industry workforce is properly equipped to meet industry and societal demands. IDOT wants to ensure that the transportation industry can utilize a workforce that is ready and able to work when industry needs arise. The department is designing a human capital plan to ensure that the transportation industry's workforce needs are incorporated in advance of major transportation programs and projects. IDOT also has several ongoing initiatives to strengthen human capital across Illinois.

TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP READINESS TRAINING PROGRAM (TCART)

In July 2013, a contract was awarded to the Chicago Urban League to improve the participation of minorities, disadvantaged persons, and women throughout the transportation construction industry. The program is designed to provide readiness training that focuses on highway construction trades, job referral services for all successful program graduates, and intermodal placement assistance services geared toward positions in the highway construction trades, labor apprenticeship programs, or highway, railroad, transit, or airport construction work opportunities. Twenty participants graduated from the program in late 2013. Most recently, a \$10 per hour incentive was approved by FHWA for IDOT to pay contractors that hire program graduates, which Governor Quinn directed IDOT to use on all applicable projects.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM (HCCTP)

In collaboration with FHWA, IDOT initiated the HCCTP in late 2009 to increase access to transportation construction jobs for minorities, disadvantaged persons, and women. In partnership with the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), the program is administered through 12 community colleges across the state – with at least one in each of IDOT's 9 districts. Two community colleges were brought on board in 2013. Five training sessions are held per year that provide participants with intensive training including highway construction-related skills, such as mathematics for the trades, job-site readiness, carpentry, concrete flatwork, blueprint reading orientation, forklift operation, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 certification. Since the program's creation, 1,206 students have enrolled, 935 have completed, and 203 were placed in construction related jobs. This program also has a \$10 an hour incentive for firms hiring program graduates for trainee hours on applicable projects. At the end of 2013, IDOT had utilized 4,944.5 trainee hours at the \$10 an hour reimbursement for a total of \$49,445 for contracts that included 500 or more trainee hours.

ENGINEER TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM (ETTP)

ETTP is another program that has been made possible through partnerships with the Illinois Community College Board. It is a ten-week course that is designed to provide high school graduates and unemployed adults with skills and training needed to successfully pursue a career as an engineer technician at IDOT. The curriculum covers courses in technical math, construction materials and testing, construction safety, surveying, and engineering graphics. The program allows students to complete it with 16 college credits that can be applied toward an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Civil and Environmental Technology or an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Construction Management or Architecture. The program graduated 29 students in 2013 and looks to graduate even more in 2014.



Illinois Engineering Academy students working together on a project

DID YOU KNOW?

IDOT's 24th Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Reward, a yearly DBE conference, was a huge success. More than 300 registrants participated in the two-day event that includes workshops for all IDOT contractors. These workshops are designed to help participants advance their skill sets and knowledge around industry best practices. For more information visit IDOT's website.

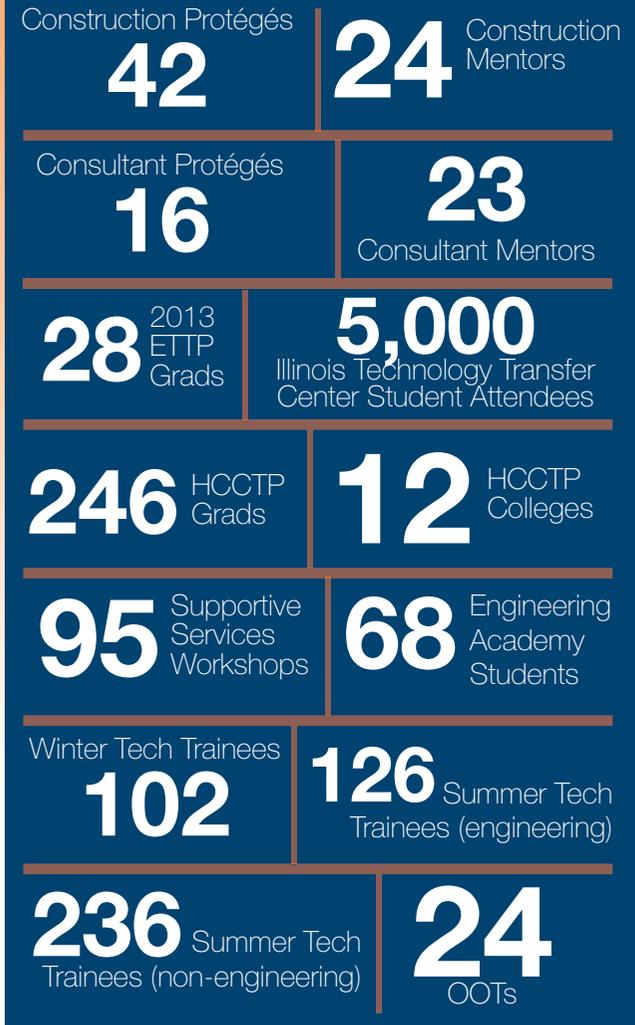


HCCTP participant receiving backhoe training

IDOT 2013 Human Capital initiatives include:

- Engineering Academy Program
- Engineer Technician Training Program (ETTP)
- Diversity in Engineering Scholarship Program
- Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)
- Incentive Programs
- IDOT Supportive Services
- Mentor – Protégé Programs
- Technical Trainee Program
- Office Occupations Trainee (OOT) Program
- Illinois Technology Transfer Center Program

For more information visit IDOT's website.



ACCOLADES

IDOT strives to be the premier transportation agency in the nation and takes pride in a job well done. Department staff and management work hard to meet and exceed the needs of Illinois visitors and residents. This year, the department was recognized for several initiatives that range from planning efforts to public communication and outreach.

- **Illinois Rehabilitation Association's Central Sector Transition Placement Program of the Year for Training/Employment of Students with Disabilities:** IDOT received an award for outstanding training/employment of students with disabilities in the Springfield and surrounding area.
- **National Freight Advisory Committee:** Secretary Schneider will serve as co-chair of the National Freight Advisory Committee, which includes a diverse group of professionals that will provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation aimed at improving the national freight transportation system.
- **American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standing Committee on Rail Transportation (SCORT):** Secretary Schneider was appointed chair of SCORT, a committee that is addressing all policy, regulatory, safety, and enforcement issues impacting the ability of states to develop and maintain their portions of an efficient national freight and passenger rail transportation network.
- **Illinois Ranked among the Top Ten States for Bicycling in the Nation:** The League of American Bicyclists' Annual Bicycle Friendly States publication ranked Illinois ninth in the nation.
- **Daniel Burnham Comprehensive Plan Award:** In October, the American Planning Association-Illinois Chapter presented IDOT with the Daniel Burnham Comprehensive Plan Award for the Illinois State Transportation Plan; also known as IDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan.
- **TransComm - Communications in a Mobile World Award:** IDOT received the award for Radio Advertisements, with or without a consultant for the Illinois safety campaigns.
- **Research "Sweet 16" 2013 – AASHTO:** This recognition is given to showcase projects that are providing transportation excellence through research and IDOT is receiving for its Best Practices for Implementation of Track Coat Technical Review Panel recommendations.
- **AASHTO Subcommittee on Transportation Communication Annual Skills Contest:** In October IDOT received the award for an anti-drunk-driving TV ad: "IDOT Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over: Choices."





- Outstanding Achievement for Community/Public Service Announcement (PSAs) - Single Spot/Campaign:** In October, IDOT received the outstanding achievement acknowledgement for the Embrace the Orange campaign featuring Seymour Signs: Emmy by the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.
- Recognized by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for highest liquidation rate of federal traffic safety funding in the region:** IDOT received a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging Illinois had achieved the highest liquidation rate in the Great Lakes district (Region 5). The Division of Traffic Safety obligated and expended over 82 percent of all federal traffic safety funding received in federal fiscal year 2012.
- IDOT's Safety Engineer Named 2013 Illinois Center for Transportation's (ICT) technical review Panel's "Most valuable Person":** State Safety Engineer Priscilla Tobias was named the "MVP" for her exemplary service as an ICT Technical review Panel Chair at the 99th Annual Transportation and Highway Engineering Conference.
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) present Alcohol Program Coordinator with the Murphy Award:** In recognition of his vision, execution, and relentless efforts to advance MADD's mission to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and to prevent underage drinking, Shannon Alderman received the Murphy Award.
- Illinois Receives an Honorable Mention from CarInsurance Comparison.com:** The insurance company state safety ranking on CarInsuranceComparison.com placed Illinois in the top 12, as an honorable mention, for the safest highways in the country.
- Illinois Broadcasters Association, Advertiser of the Year Award:** Awarded to IDOT in appreciation for recognizing the value of statewide, local, over-the-air broadcasting.
- Governor's Sustainability Award Honorable Mention:** This included the department's application of all the agency's sustainability activities including the development of the sustainability scorecard, use of recycled materials, the upcoming development of a climate change adaptation plan and more.
- Green Government Award for Total Recycle Asphalt:** Efforts to develop a viable mist that used aggregate from reclaimed sources in 2012 helped IDOT receive the Green Government Award in early 2013.

WHAT'S NEXT?

2013 has been a great year for Illinois' vast transportation system. Transportation advancements have been made across the state, but more can always be done. With its talented and dedicated team of professionals, IDOT is fortunate that as the U.S. and global transportation systems continue to transform, the department will be able to position Illinois as a leader at the forefront of the next great transportation transformation for the benefit of our businesses and people. It is with much enthusiasm that we take steps into 2014 and continue to face challenges head on and achieve greatness for the people of Illinois.



CONCLUSION

Maintaining, strengthening, and expanding transportation infrastructure is not an easy task, but it is a very important one. Transportation is the glue that binds us economically and socially. It is our responsibility to equip the generations of tomorrow with a transportation network that is built for them, not for our ancestors. Transformational change in transportation is happening all around us. And, during the past year, IDOT has continued to prepare for this transformation by entering a new era of research, planning, development, and the implementation of a strategic vision that will cultivate the evolution and preservation of our transportation system, enabling it to work as a cohesive multi-modal network. Through this vision we hope to enhance accessibility, mobility and safety while revitalizing the economy and quality of life for Illinois residents and visitors.

Transportation systems need to be developed, nurtured and improved continually. A safe, well-developed, efficient transportation network is essential to a globally competitive economy. A dependable system of highways, railroads, mass transit, waterways and airports provides the means of distributing Illinois goods, services and people. The ongoing challenge of maintaining and updating Illinois' vital transportation network is staggering. Transportation facilities and equipment are in ongoing need of repair and rehabilitation due to age and use. Travel continues to grow as the economy turns around, yet additional revenues are needed to keep pace with growing lists of transportation needs.

The department has started and will continue to refine comprehensive lists of transportation projects and strategies that will move Illinois forward to maintain its place among world class transportation multi-modal systems. IDOT will do all it can to ensure Illinois' transportation needs are met in an effective and efficient manner. Secretary Schneider, her senior management team and her staff, at the direction of Governor Quinn, have been actively planning and evaluating strategies for 2014 that will continue the implementation toward this vision.

2014 GOALS

- Lower crash fatality numbers and rates in the long-term effort to drive fatalities to zero
- Program needed repairs for all critical bridges that are structurally deficient
- Identify and address Illinois' ten worst railroad grade crossings
- Improve job placement for IDOT construction training programs
- Upgrade the Illinois Unified Certification Program for DBE to make it more user friendly and to increase capacity and participation
- Improve DBE participation in project awards from consultant selection and construction lettings
- Complete a statewide transit plan
- Complete a comprehensive congestion study and identify performance measures for improvements
- Continue to develop and integrate performance measures into all IDOT business practices and transportation improvements
- Develop an integrated freight plan
- Finalize and implement a human capital plan

Vision

- Safety-focused culture at IDOT and in communities across the state
- Make connections among transportation modes to provide more convenient and safe travel options for Illinois residents, visitors, and businesses
- Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow – innovative, sustainable, safe, transparent

Statewide Congestion Analysis Study: IDOT, along with a consultant team, has made progress on a statewide congestion analysis that will identify critical areas of concerns and actions or proposed tools to alleviate these concerns. In 2014, IDOT hopes to complete this study.

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