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IDOT WINS SECOND CONSECUTIVE GRAND PRIZE IN AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION AWARDS



For the second consecutive year, the Illinois Department of Transportation won the Grand Prize in America's Transportation Awards, the top honor for state departments of transportation. This year's Grand Prize, selected from 81 nominations, was awarded for a joint effort between IDOT and the Missouri Department of Transportation to improve mobility and access in the Metro East region. See page 33 for more information about IDOT's win.

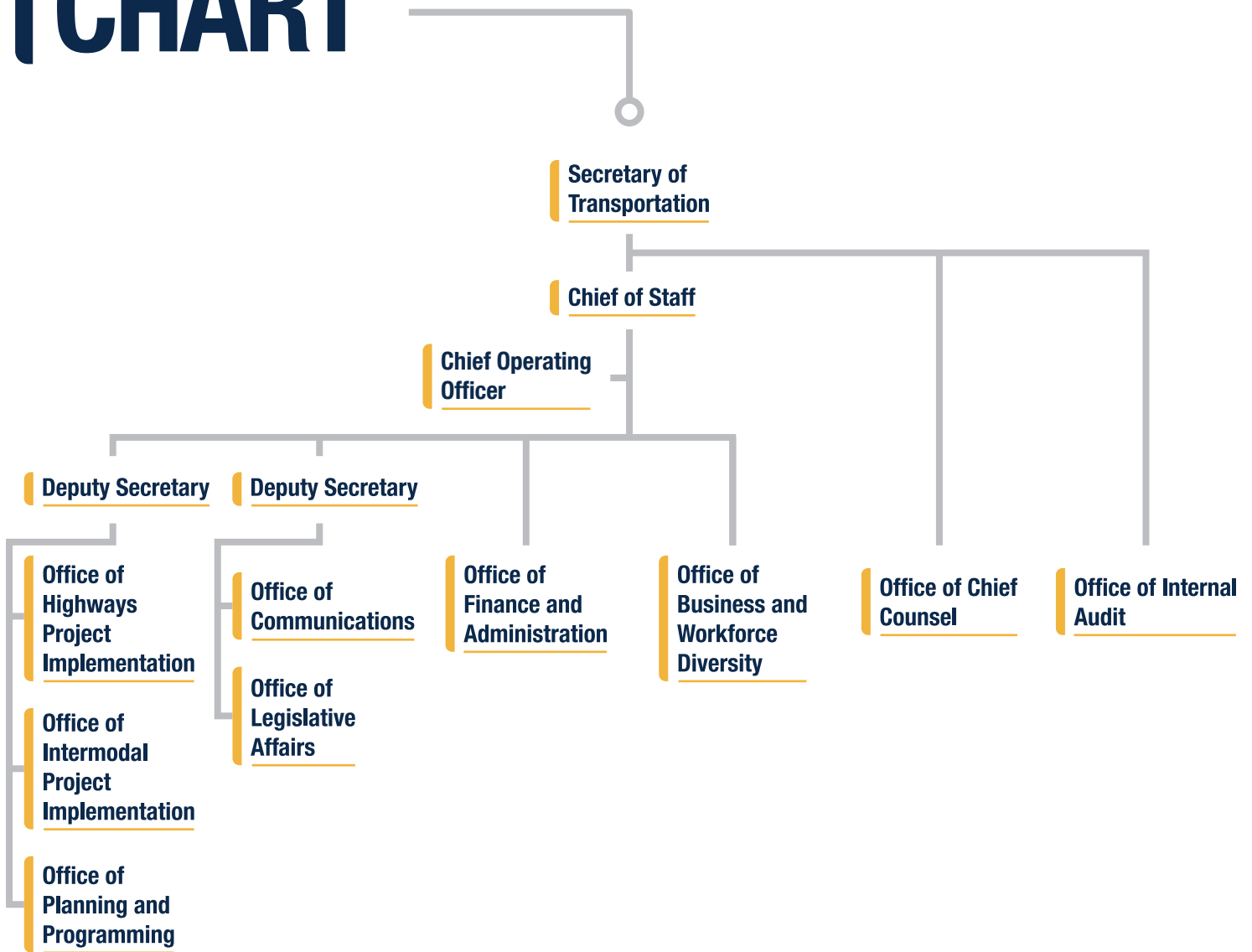


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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

This past year was the most important one in the Illinois Department of Transportation's history.

Because of Gov. Pritzker's leadership, the historic Rebuild Illinois capital program passed this past summer with bipartisan support from the General Assembly.

At \$44.8 billion over six years, the capital program is not only the biggest ever in Illinois, but it is the only one to impact every mode of transportation. It also includes sustained revenue specifically for transportation that will grow over time – another first.

Thanks to the governor's vision, 2019 is the year IDOT got back in the business of building a premier transportation network for Illinois.

With Rebuild Illinois comes tremendous opportunity. At IDOT, we are not only committed to modernizing Illinois infrastructure as we implement the governor's capital program, but also helping to build a 21st century workforce for our state. We are focused in the years to come on strengthening our efforts to diversify our ranks within IDOT, our job sites and in the contracting community to better reflect the communities we serve.

For a second year in a row, IDOT took home the Grand Prize in the America's Transportation Awards for our joint effort with Missouri to improve mobility and access throughout the Metro East region. This is a top honor for state departments of transportation, and we stood out in a field of 81 submissions from 39 states.

Safety remains our No. 1 priority. Always. One death on our roads is unacceptable to us. Through strategic safety campaigns, enhanced partnerships with law enforcement, advancements in engineering and the public's cooperation, we will continue to drive that number to zero.

On a personal level, 2019 was especially meaningful to me. After nearly 30 years at IDOT, Gov. Pritzker appointed me to lead this agency at the beginning of the year.

Being at the helm of a dedicated group of professionals is an incredible honor. I take the responsibility very seriously.

At IDOT, our team believes that we not only deliver projects, but make our communities safer, improve quality of life and create even better places to build a career, raise a family and grow a business.

We are proud to serve you as we embark on rebuilding Illinois.

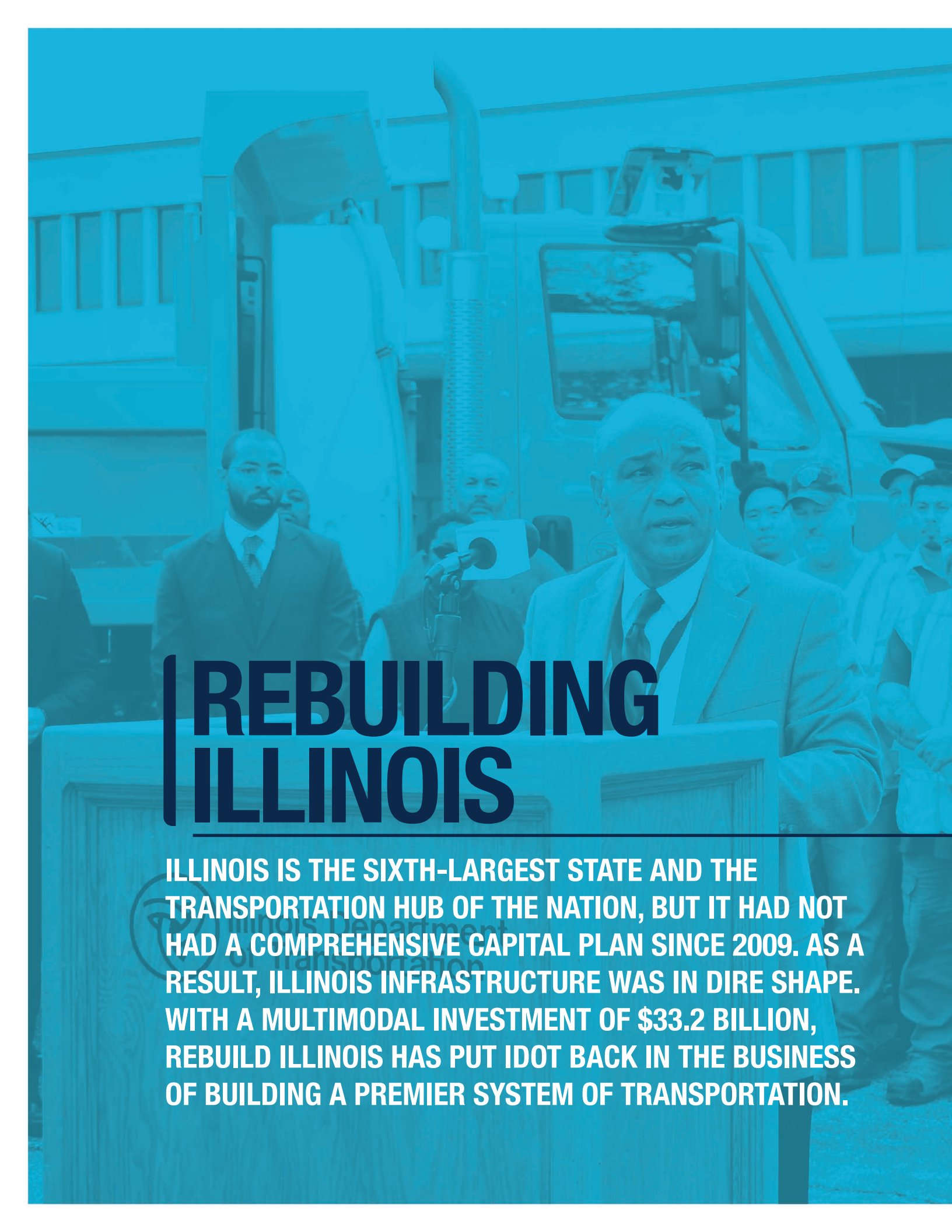


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Omer Osman

Acting Secretary

Illinois Department of Transportation



REBUILDING ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS IS THE SIXTH-LARGEST STATE AND THE TRANSPORTATION HUB OF THE NATION, BUT IT HAD NOT HAD A COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL PLAN SINCE 2009. AS A RESULT, ILLINOIS INFRASTRUCTURE WAS IN DIRE SHAPE. WITH A MULTIMODAL INVESTMENT OF \$33.2 BILLION, REBUILD ILLINOIS HAS PUT IDOT BACK IN THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING A PREMIER SYSTEM OF TRANSPORTATION.



**OUR NEW MULTI-YEAR PLAN, COVERING FISCAL YEARS
2020-2025, IS THE FIRST TO CAPTURE THE HISTORIC
IMPACT OF GOV. PRITZKER'S CAPITAL PROGRAM.**



REBUILD ILLINOIS

Illinois is the transportation hub of the nation and the sixth-largest state in the United States but had not had a comprehensive capital plan since 2009. With a \$30 million maintenance backlog, Illinois infrastructure was in dire shape. The state was also in danger of losing federal funds due to historically insufficient funding commitments by the state and deteriorating system conditions.

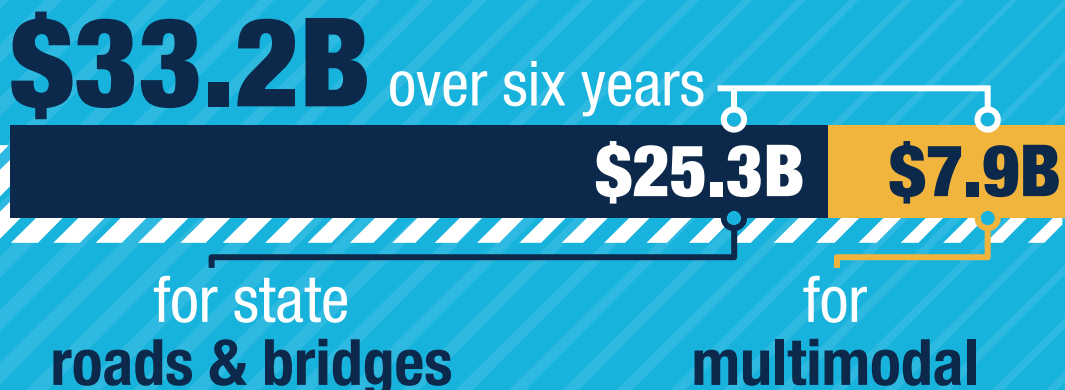
With Gov. Pritzker's leadership and bipartisan support of the General Assembly, Rebuild Illinois was signed into law. This historic and bipartisan capital program gave Illinois its most robust capital plan in nearly a decade and allowed IDOT to get back into the business of building a premier transportation system across Illinois.

Rebuild Illinois was not only the largest capital program in the state's history, but it's also the first one that's truly multimodal. Investing \$33.2 billion over six years, every aspect and mode of transportation in every part of Illinois will be touched by it. Key transportation funding in Rebuild Illinois includes:

- **\$25.3 billion for roads and bridges;**
- **\$4.5 billion for mass transit;**
- **\$1.1 billion for rail;**
- **\$558 million for aeronautics;**
- **\$492 million for CREATE;**
- **\$150 million for ports;**
- **\$50 million for bicycles/pedestrians**

HOW REBUILD ILLINOIS FUNDS TRANSPORTATION

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DEVELOPING THE MULTI-YEAR PLAN

On Oct. 21, Gov. Pritzker and Acting Transportation Secretary Osman released the department's FY 20-25 Multi-Year Plan of road and bridge projects across the state. It's the first to capture the historic impact of the Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

Rigorous and objective criteria that weighed the condition, frequency of use and crash data across the state's transportation system were evaluated in planning the historic improvements.

Over the next six years, \$23.5 billion will be invested in improving 4,212 miles of road and 9.2 million square feet of bridge deck. The MYP does not reflect the \$1.5 billion that will be made in the form of grants to local agencies and the \$400 million that is to be distributed annually to local governments through the motor fuel tax distribution formula – two other pieces of Rebuild Illinois.

Embracing the principles of the new Transportation Asset Management Plan, the MYP dedicates more than 75% of funds to reconstructing and preserving roads and bridges, 16% to strategically expanding the system in areas where data have shown the investment will be highly effective and the remainder for necessary traffic and safety improvements.

HOW TAMP WORKS:



Prioritizes maintenance of key assets – no longer “worst first.”



Relies on data collected out in the field to guide decision-making and project selection.

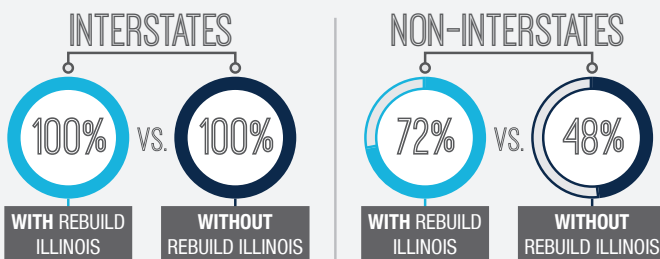


Saves money in the long run by investing in maintenance to avoid more costly repairs later.

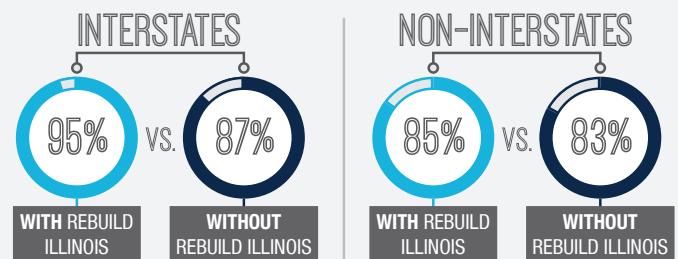


PROJECTED MULTI-YEAR PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STATE PAVEMENT IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION



STATE BRIDGES IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION



BENEFITS OF THE MOTOR FUEL TAX

Entering 2019, the state motor fuel tax hadn't changed in almost 30 years. The condition of the state's infrastructure was beginning to fail, with the average motorist paying an estimated \$564 annually in repairs due to poor roads and bridges.

To help fund Gov. Pritzker's historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois, the state gas tax was increased 19 cents and the tax on diesel increased 5 cents. To keep transportation funding from falling behind again, the governor and General Assembly tied the state motor fuel tax to the Consumer Price Index.

Indexing motor fuel taxes will help to avoid the repeat boom-and-bust cycles that had become characteristic in Illinois.

In fiscal year 2020, the state motor fuel tax increase will generate \$1.2 billion, with \$961 million going toward roads and bridges and \$240 million allotted for rail and mass transit.

But increased funding for transportation means more than just more reliable and safer travel. Over the life of Rebuild Illinois, the capital program is anticipated to create or support 432,000 jobs, which will encourage economic development throughout the state.



PLANNING FOR I-80 RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

Planning for the reconstruction of I-80 between Ridge Road and U.S. 30 in Will County has been completed. This project includes a new bridge over the Des Plaines River in Joliet as well as smaller bridge replacements or improvements throughout the corridor. The plan to rebuild the corridor also includes adding and/or extending auxiliary lanes, widening shoulders and improving six interchanges, including a new flyover ramp at the I-55 interchange.

This work will bring I-80 up to modern design standards, improve safety for motorists, and reduce congestion by adding shoulders to accommodate disabled and emergency vehicles. The project also includes multimodal improvements, with new pedestrian and multi-use paths included in cross street bridge improvements and reduced pedestrian-motorist conflict points at interchanges. Funding for design, land acquisition and construction has been identified as part of Rebuild Illinois at an estimated cost of \$1.2 billion.

I-55 IN SPRINGFIELD EVALUATED FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

IDOT is investigating ways to relieve traffic congestion and increase safety for motorists who travel along I-55 through Springfield. With average daily traffic reaching more than 56,000 vehicles, current capacity is being examined to determine ways to improve the interstate through Sangamon County from south of Sixth Street to north of Sherman Boulevard. This study will help to determine the need for additional traffic lanes, interchange improvements and other road

enhancements. It is anticipated that the planning study for this project will be completed in early 2021.

Since this is a sizable project, construction is expected to be done in sections. Under the current MYP, funding for the first section has been identified at \$137.4 million. The total cost of the project is estimated to be more than \$750 million.

MYP IMPROVEMENTS

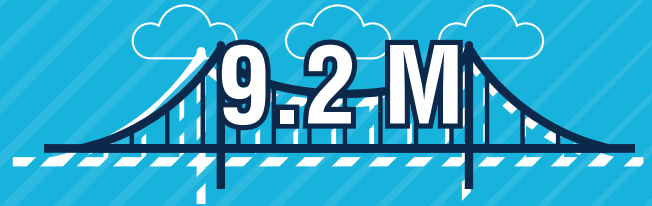
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NUMBER OF STATE MILES
IMPROVED OR BUILT



SQUARE FEET OF STATE
BRIDGES IMPROVED OR BUILT



I-255 READY FOR RECONSTRUCTION

Thanks to the Rebuild Illinois capital program, rehabilitation of I-255 started in February 2020. The estimated \$64 million project consists of rehabilitating and resurfacing approximately 7 miles of I-255 from Collinsville Road to Illinois 15. The project will be completed in two sections, each of which is expected to take approximately five months.

In 2019, public meetings were held to discuss fully closing portions of the interstate during construction to complete this major rehabilitation project. The north section, north of I-64, closed on Feb. 1, 2020. Once

that section is completed, the south section, south of I-64, will be closed. The key benefits of a full closure include:

- Slashing project completion time from four years to ten months.
- Saving taxpayers \$14 million.
- Increasing worker safety by keeping traffic out of the work zone.
- Reducing crashes by eliminating the need for work zone lane shifts.

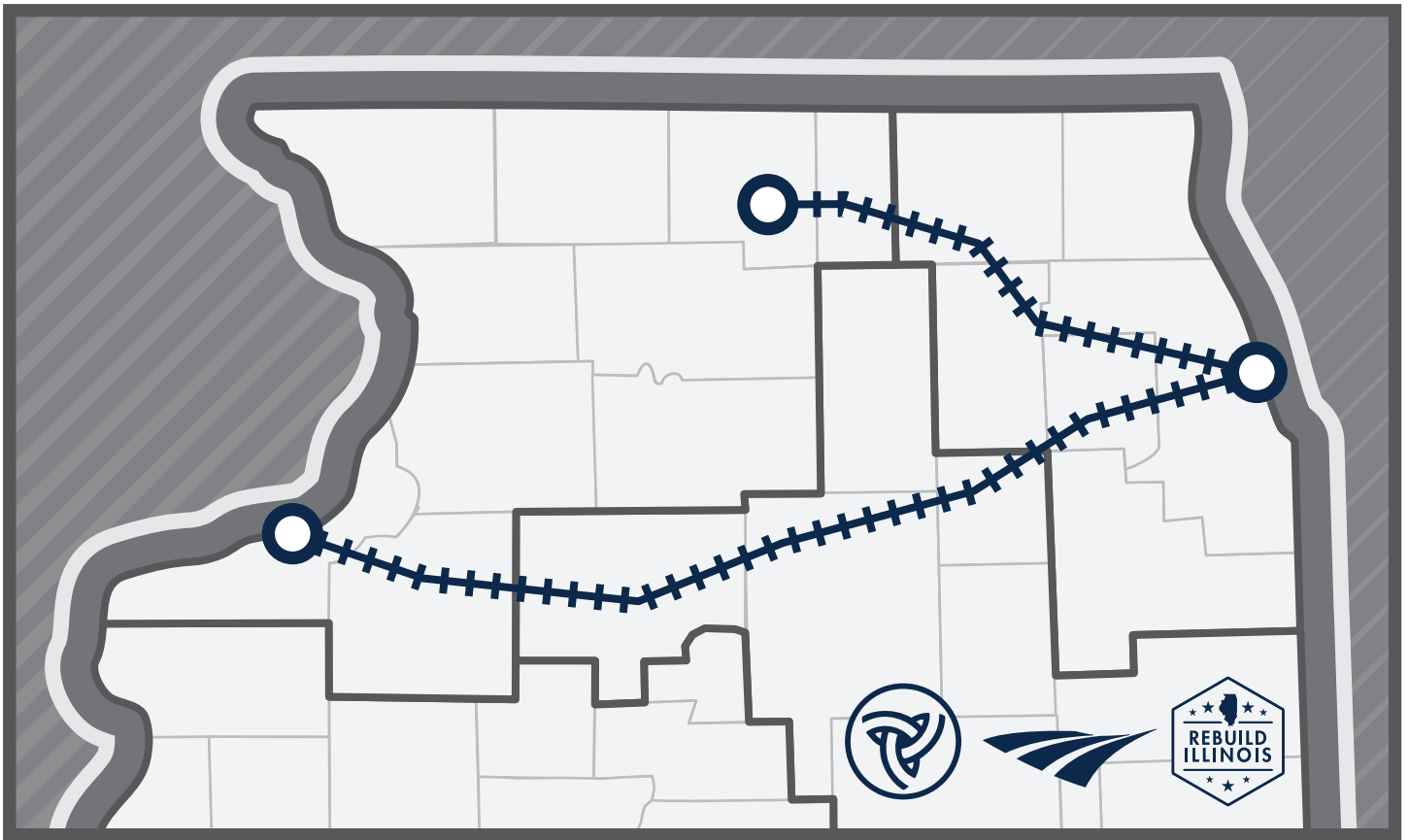
RE-ESTABLISHING QUAD CITIES SERVICE

This year was a productive one for the Chicago-to-Quad Cities rail project, which seeks to re-establish passenger service between Chicago and Moline. The re-established line will also add new stops in Geneseo and Moline, increasing the number of stations commuters can access to five. Currently stops are offered in Princeton, Mendota, Plano, Naperville and LaGrange.

In 2019, the project benefited from the passage of Rebuild Illinois, which included \$225 million for the

project. Additionally, a \$177 million federal grant from the Federal Railroad Administration was extended through 2024 to help complete the project.

Negotiations will continue in 2020 with the host railroad, Iowa Interstate Railroad, to determine final design and construction schedules. Re-establishing this line will bring a much-needed transportation option to the Quad Cities area.



IDOT's MYP includes plans to re-establish round-trip rail service in northern Illinois from the Quad Cities and Rockford to Chicago.

PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IN ROCKFORD

Another exciting development for passenger rail in 2019 was the inclusion of \$275 million in Rebuild Illinois for the re-establishment of rail service between Chicago and Rockford. The proposed service would link Chicago and Rockford with two daily round trips

and intermediate stops in Belvidere, Huntley and Elgin. Preliminary engineering is slated to begin in 2020. The project will also involve entering into agreements with the host railroads, Metra and Union Pacific.



HOW REBUILD ILLINOIS IMPACTS MULTIMODAL FUNDING

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MASS TRANSIT
\$4.5B



RAIL
\$1.1B



AERONAUTICS
\$558M



PORTS
\$150M

MULTIMODAL IMPACT

IDOT is a firm believer that Illinois is supported by one transportation system, stretching across all modes and jurisdictions.

Rebuild Illinois includes

- **\$4.5B for mass transit.**
- **\$1.1B for rail.**
- **\$558M for aviation.**
- **\$500M for establishing Amtrak service from Chicago to the Quad Cities and Rockford.**
- **\$492M for the CREATE program.**
- **\$312M to improve rail crossings.**

- **\$150M to improve our waterway system.**
- **\$50M in annual funding for active transportation projects.**

As part of Rebuild Illinois, IDOT will be working with local governments and other stakeholders to provide discretionary grants and additional capital for aviation, rail, transit, waterways, bike and pedestrian projects.

Under Gov. Pritzker's leadership, IDOT is working to make Illinois a state with a truly multimodal focus, allowing commerce, commuters and visitors to travel safely no matter what mode of transportation they choose.

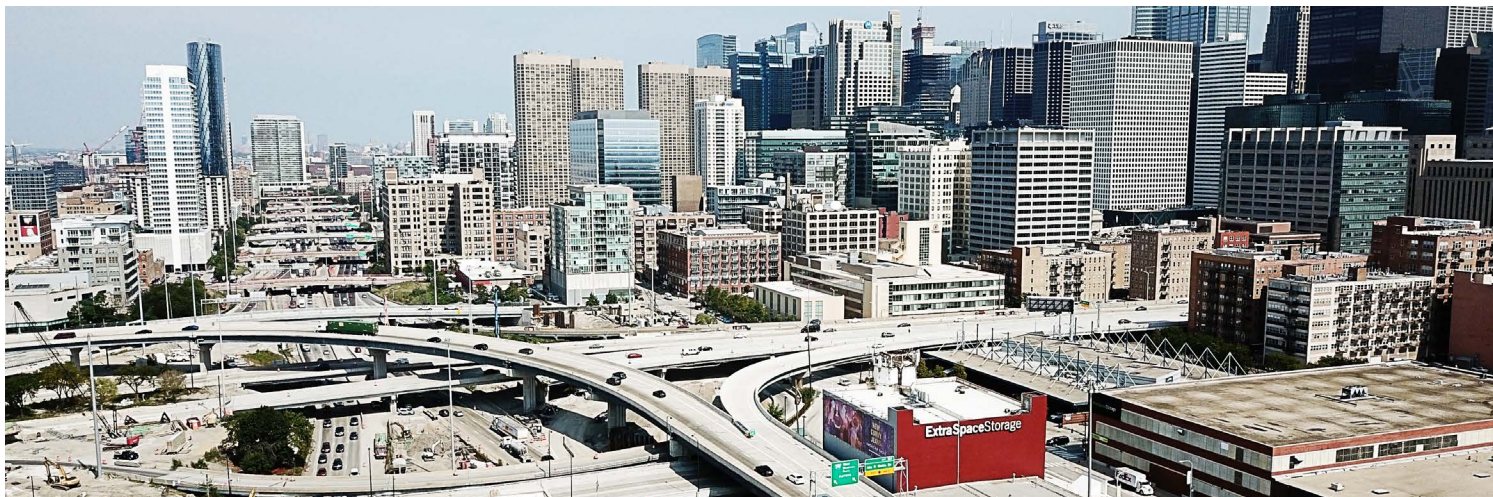


I PROJECTS

PROJECTS ARE THE BACKBONE OF IDOT. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN USING THE BRIGHTEST MINDS IN THE INDUSTRY TO INFORM HOW WE PLAN AND IMPLEMENT THEM. IN 2019, WE CONTINUED OUR PROGRESS IN CREATING A PREMIER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.







JANE BYRNE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Construction continues on the Jane Byrne Interchange, IDOT's largest and most complex project. The interchange is located in the heart of Chicago, with 400,000 vehicles passing each day through the Kennedy (I-90/94), Dan Ryan (I-90/94) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways, and Ida B. Wells Drive (formerly Congress Parkway).

In 2019, IDOT made a concerted effort to bolster public outreach with an open house held in the winter, a new interactive map released in the spring and a

totally redesigned project website launched in the summer. IDOT celebrated a major milestone in the fall, with the opening of the north-to-east ramp, the second lane of the north-to-west flyover ramp, and substantial completion of the westbound Eisenhower mainline lanes. Construction continues through the winter to complete the eastbound mainline and other ramps, with reconstruction of the northbound and southbound mainline and a new collector-distributor ramp system to come in 2021. The overall project remains on schedule for completion in 2022.

AVIATION IN ILLINOIS



The Illinois aviation system consists of more than 825 landing facilities, including commercial, reliever and general aviation airports, private landing areas and hospital heliports. The Division of Aeronautics helps to oversee all matters involving the development of any public air navigation facility, administering the Federal Airport

Improvement Program and annually managing between 100 and 120 grants totaling approximately \$250 million. Major current and upcoming projects include a new traffic control tower at Lewis University Airport in Romeoville, a new cargo apron at Chicago Rockford International Airport and runway upgrades at Quincy Regional Airport.

CHAMP CLARK BRIDGE OPENS

August saw the opening of the new Champ Clark Bridge, which carries U.S. 54 over the Mississippi River in Pike County. The bridge was a joint project with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Construction of the \$60 million structure began in September 2017, with all underwater work completed in March 2018.

In 2019, crews had finished deck pours and placement of 181 premade deck panels in April, despite a cold and snowy winter. In spite of months-long record flooding, the bridge was ready for opening on Aug. 3, ahead of schedule.

The public said goodbye to the old bridge, which was built in 1928, as the spans on the Missouri side were dropped on Oct. 18. The spans on the Illinois side were imploded in November.



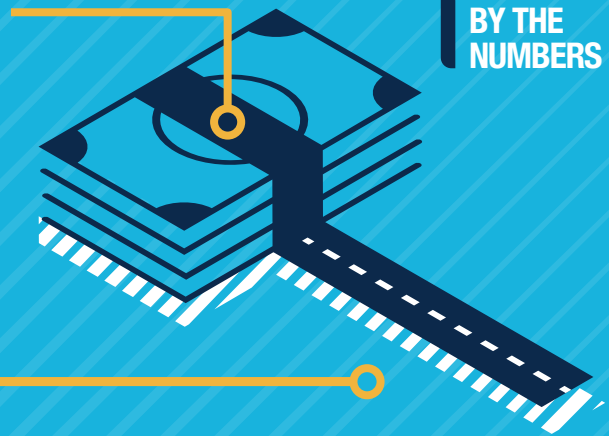
FY19 OPERATING BUDGET

\$3.1 BILLION

FY19 ANNUAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM BUDGET

\$2.2 BILLION

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CAPE SEAL WORK COMPLETED, INSPIRES NEW IDEAS AND PROCEDURES

In 2019, a cape seal project was completed on Illinois 110/336, including the northbound interchange ramps and the overhead road at Illinois 61 in northern Adams County. Using the cape seal method provided an opportunity to incorporate a new procedure that provides a smooth wearing, quiet surface at a lower cost than traditional overlays.

The project consisted of 10 miles of microsurfacing, cape seal on the pavement and additional sealing on the shoulders. It also included the use of a fine-tooth mill to provide hot mix asphalt surface correction before the cape seal was completed.

The contractor worked with IDOT to try new ideas and procedures to improve the project. By working together, a better product was achieved, and the result is a smoother surface for the traveling public.



U.S. 52 BRIDGE COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

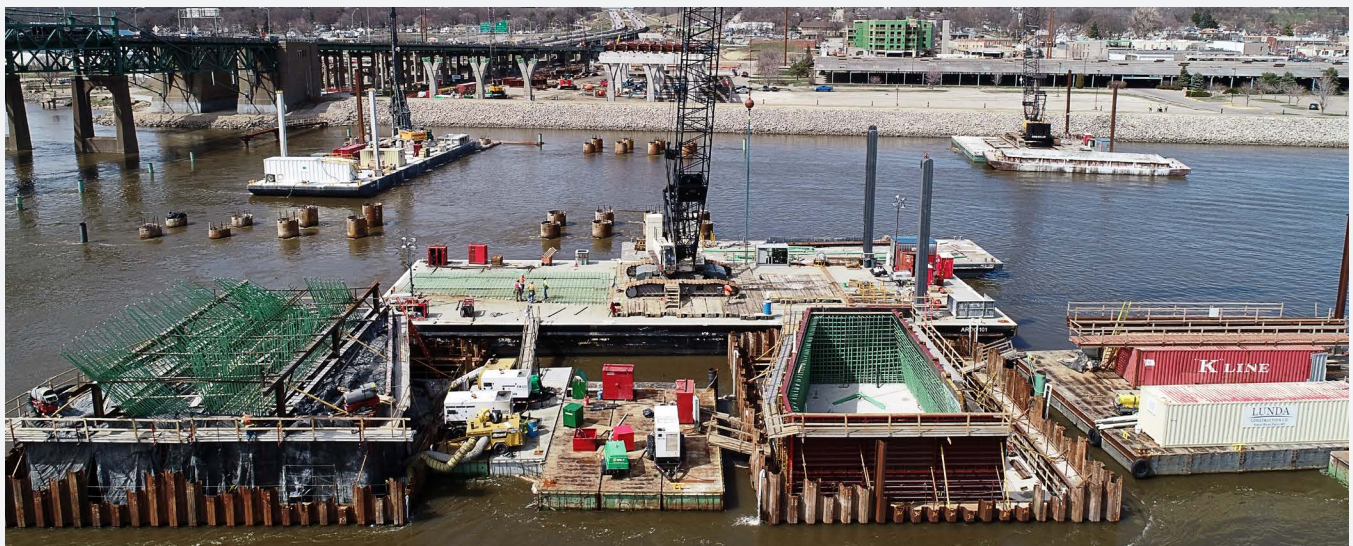
In early 2019, the U.S. 52 bridge over the Little Vermilion River, in La Salle County, was finished 100 days early. To minimize the disruption of having a major highway like U.S. 52 closed for a bridge replacement, IDOT worked closely with the contractor to maintain communication and work – even in the face of significant rainfall.



The \$1.5 million project involved the removal and replacement of the three-span U.S. 52 bridge as well as resurfacing, ditch work, culvert replacement and safety enhancements.

The work pushed ahead on a tight schedule, taking no breaks for rain or the rising river.

I-74 BRIDGE, WIDENING OVER MISSISSIPPI CONTINUES



The work on the I-74 widening and Mississippi River Bridge project continued with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

The second stage of construction began in March, with westbound I-74 closed and traffic detoured to I-80 and I-280. Local traffic traveling to downtown Moline and Bettendorf was routed around sections of I-74 via local roads. The unusual westbound closure of the interstate

and subsequent provision of local access routes cut in half the seven-year timeline of the project.

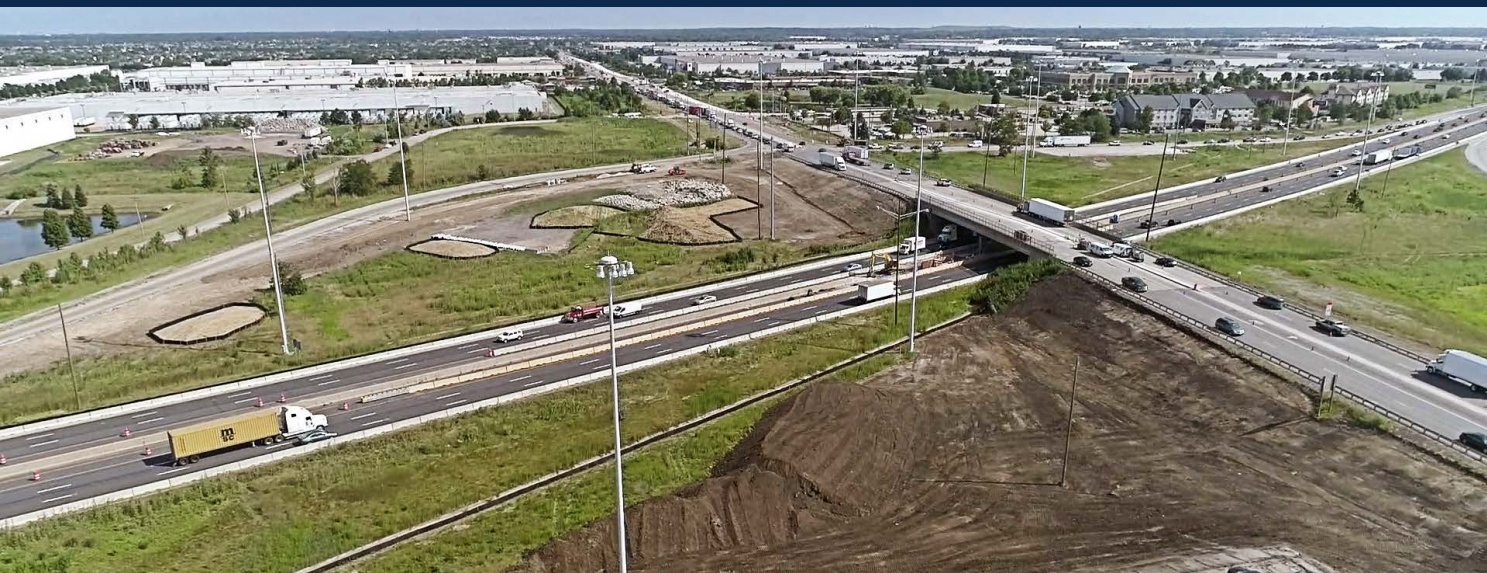
In November, the Iowa-bound I-74 entrance ramp in downtown Bettendorf was completed.

The overall estimated cost for the project is \$1.2 billion, split equally between IDOT and Iowa DOT. The project is expected to be completed by 2021.

**HIGHWAYS
MILES UNDER
STATE
JURISDICTION**

15,969

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I-55 AND WEBER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE AS PART OF LATEST DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE

In April 2019, IDOT continued reconstructing the Weber Road interchange on I-55 in Will County. The project, which will widen Weber Road between Romeo Road and Rodeo Drive, also involves rebuilding the existing traditional diamond interchange into a diverging diamond interchange. The diverging diamond interchange will increase capacity, reduce congestion, improve geometric deficiencies and improve safety and mobility for motorists in a burgeoning area of Will County. The design will provide

safety and mobility for all users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

The \$70 million project also includes traffic signal modernization, interchange and intersection lighting, drainage improvements, sidewalks and bike paths, retaining and noise walls, and aesthetic landscaping.

Scheduled to be completed in early 2022, I-55 at Weber Road will become the third diverging diamond interchange in the Chicago area.



I RAIL

ILLINOIS IS THE CENTER OF THE NATION'S RAIL NETWORK, WITH 9,982 MILES OF TRACK FOR CLASS I, CLASS II AND CLASS III RAILROADS. IDOT PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN ENSURING PEOPLE, AS WELL AS FREIGHT, MOVE ACROSS THE COUNTRY SAFELY.

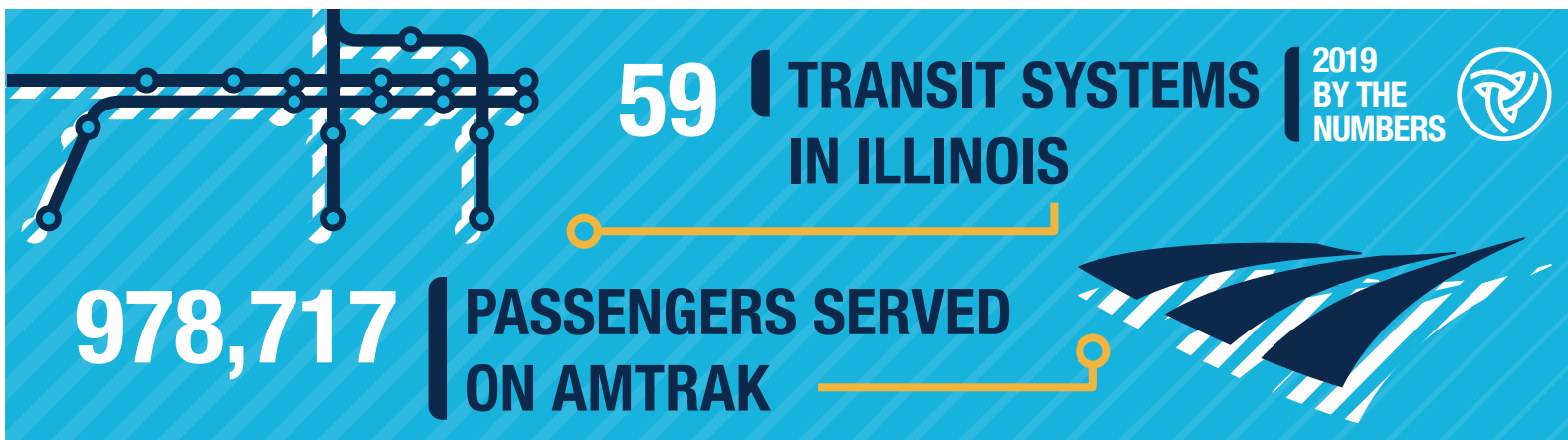




GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW AUBURN GRESHAM STATION

September saw a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony for a new Metra station in Chicago's Auburn Gresham community at 79th Street and Lowe Avenue. The new Auburn Park station will be built with \$20 million provided by Illinois to Metra.

Currently in the design phase, the station will not only provide the neighborhood with access to downtown, but will also include a pedestrian plaza facing 79th Street with retail space, ADA accessibility and bike parking. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2020.



AMTRAK ILLINOIS REMAINS STRONG

Amtrak Illinois, the state-supported passenger service, had another strong year in 2019, continuing to support 30 daily trains on four corridors, providing passenger rail service to much of the state.

Lincoln Service provides four daily round-trips between Chicago and St. Louis with nine intermediate stops, including Normal and Springfield. Illini/Saluki trains run two daily round trips between Chicago and Carbondale with 10 intermediate stops, including Champaign. Carl Sandburg/Illinois Zephyr trains

connect Chicago and Quincy with eight intermediate stops, including Galesburg and Macomb. Ridership on these three corridors through November was 978,717, which represents a 3% gain in ridership over the same period in 2018.

Additionally, Illinois partially supports the Hiawatha Service, which provides seven daily round-trips between Chicago and Milwaukee with three intermediate stops, including Glenview.

IDOT PREPARES TO SUPPLY NEW CARS FOR AMTRAK IN 2020

Progress was made in 2019 towards the procurement of new passenger coach, café and business-class railcars. Siemens is producing the new cars in California for the joint procurement led by IDOT, which is representing the Amtrak Midwest states (Illinois,

Michigan, Missouri and Wisconsin). Delivery of new coach cars will begin in 2020. The new cars will be worked into the existing fleet on all trains in the Midwest. All of the cars for the Amtrak Midwest fleet are scheduled to be delivered by 2023.



CREATE PARTNERS LAUNCH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (CIP) is the largest project in the CREATE Program. In October, CREATE partners committed to supporting educational programs for students and residents in these communities. Collectively, the partners will donate \$200,000 to enhance existing programs Chicagoans can access at parks and libraries in the communities around the project. With the goal to encourage interest and foster learning in transportation, engineering and technical fields.

CREATE partners are also supporting workforce development by offering contracting opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses as well as construction careers training.

The 75th Street CIP and CREATE will deliver transportation, economic and environmental benefits for the Ashburn, Auburn Gresham, Englewood and West Chatham communities in Chicago.



I OUTREACH

AT IDOT, WE WORK HARD TO PROVIDE ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES WITH MORE THAN A SAFE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK. BY OFFERING TRAINING PROGRAMS, PARTNERING WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE



**INSTITUTIONS, AND HELPING ENSURE EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY, WE'RE MAKING OUR STATE A BETTER
PLACE TO LIVE.**

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

In accordance with federal guidelines, IDOT strives to facilitate and implement programs that can help current and future business partners open the door to doing business with the department.

For more than 25 years, IDOT's "Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Reward" conference has brought together transportation construction firms and engineers from across Illinois. The conferences provide educational

and skill-building workshops, information about best practices and networking opportunities to statewide Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms and contractors wanting to do business with IDOT.

This year's event attracted more than 300 attendees and included 20 breakout sessions. The goal of the 2019 conference was to assist in answering attendee questions about forming and running a small business.



HCCTP PRODUCES NEW CROP OF GRADUATES

IDOT's Highway Construction Careers Training Program graduated 267 students during the last fiscal year. The program, which boasts more than 2,615 graduates since 2010, is administered by the Office of Business and Workforce Diversity's Bureau of Small Business Enterprises, in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration.

Implemented through 12 community colleges statewide, HCCTP trains disadvantaged individuals in skills that prepare them for a career in the highway construction

trades. Each participating community college holds up to five pre-apprenticeship training sessions a year. The schools use members of the local trades as instructors and liaisons to the trade industry throughout the training process to help trainees advance into apprenticeships.

Once graduates complete the training, they have the general knowledge needed to become entry-level construction workers or apply for an apprenticeship program. The program is life changing for many.

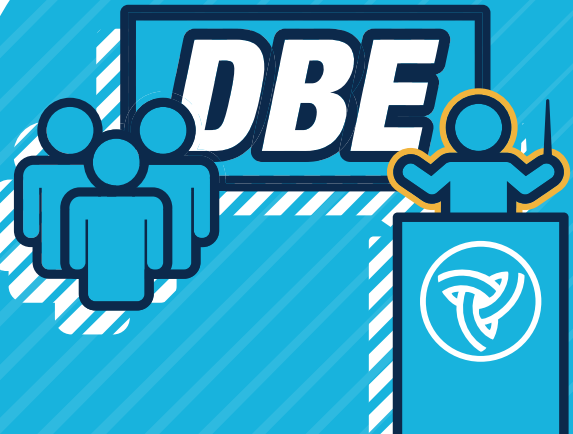
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HCCTP GRADUATES

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IDOT HOSTS ENGINEERING ACADEMIES

Continuing efforts to improve diversity and recruitment, IDOT conducted engineering academies for 80 ninth- and 10th-grade Upward Bound Math and Science students in East St. Louis. The academies were designed to spark the interest of high school students in pursuing civil engineering as a career.

Students got an overview of the functions of IDOT

and learned about engineering careers and education requirements. As part of the presentation, students heard from IDOT engineers, who explained why they chose the career and spoke about their educational journeys. The academies also included hands-on exercises that encouraged students to accomplish engineering tasks in small breakout groups.



SAFETY

SAFETY IS IDOT'S NO. 1 PRIORITY. WHETHER YOU ARE DRIVING ON THE INTERSTATE, RIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OR WORKING IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE WANT YOU TO RETURN HOME SAFELY.



**THAT'S WHY OUR APPROACH TO ENSURING SAFETY IS
MULTIFACETED. WE CRITICALLY REVIEW AREAS FOR
IMPROVEMENT, DEVISE NEW AND ENHANCED
ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, AND PROVIDE FREE
PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC. THROUGH
A DIVERSE RANGE OF EFFECTIVE SAFETY MEASURES,
CRASHES CAN BE AVOIDED AND LIVES CAN BE SAVED.**

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM IMPROVES WALKING, BIKING CONDITIONS FOR STUDENTS



More than \$5.5 million in federal funds was awarded through the Safe Routes to School program to improve conditions for students who walk or bike to school.

In 2019, the program received more than 160 applications totaling nearly \$28 million. Of those, 39 projects were chosen, with \$5.53 million earmarked for distribution to Illinois communities. Kankakee was

awarded \$200,000 to address safety concerns at King Middle School, located on Illinois 17. The school has been the site of 26 reported traffic incidents over the past five years. The planned improvements at King Middle School include construction of a concrete median and widened crosswalk, flashing yellow traffic signals at the crosswalk, and flashing beacons with speed feedback signs placed ahead of the crosswalk in both directions of travel. In addition, some street parking will be removed to improve sight lines for pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles.

Administered by IDOT using federal funds, Safe Routes to School supports projects and activities that improve safety and reduce traffic in areas around elementary and middle schools. Improvements can include new sidewalks, efforts to reduce speeding and other traffic offenses, public education and outreach programs.



"BORDER TO BORDER" ENFORCEMENT PREVENTS INJURIES, FATALITIES

Over the long Memorial Day weekend, IDOT teamed up with the Illinois State Police and more than 200 law enforcement agencies across the state for the national "Border to Border" campaign. The safety effort increased seat belt patrols and enforcement zones throughout the holiday.

Organized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as part of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, Border to Border harnesses the power of 10,000 agencies across the nation – between states, cities and other local jurisdictions – to increase seat belt use and save lives.

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VIDEOS ON
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7.5M

**VISITORS TO
THE LIFE OR
DEATH WEBSITE**

148K



LIFE OR DEATH CAMPAIGN EDUCATES DRIVERS, HONORS LEGACIES

The Illinois Department of Transportation launched the second year of Life or Death Illinois, expanding the successful multimedia safety campaign to feature the real stories of Illinois residents killed in traffic crashes.

IDOT asked the public to submit stories of loved ones killed in traffic crashes. Through these real stories, audiences were asked to consider the seriousness of the issues on our roads and how their actions play a role. The campaign ran throughout the year on various media, including digital billboards, social media and online platforms, as well as traditional radio and TV channels. IDOT also expanded the campaign to include Scott's Law, calling attention to the need to protect first responders, emergency personnel and frontline highway workers.

Life or Death Illinois is the first comprehensive approach by IDOT to reduce injuries and fatalities associated with motorcycles, bicycles, pedestrians,

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seat belt use, work zones, and impaired and distracted driving. The public can follow the campaign on social media and continue to share stories of lives lost at lifeordeathillinois.com. Life or Death Illinois is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC PATROL HOSTS CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIALIZED TRAINING



Emergency Traffic Patrol staff hosted a three-day training in conjunction with the Chicago Fire Department. The ETP often works closely with the CFD Special Operations Unit at expressway incidents. This CFD unit has specialized responders for not only large structure fires, but also other rescue situations, including traffic-related accidents requiring freeing motorists from crushed wrecked vehicles or heavy-lifting equipment rescues.

The training was an opportunity to share information and show the CFD unit IDOT's heavy-duty wreckers, explaining their capabilities and demonstrating how they operate. The groups also shared operational information regarding expressway incidents. Sharing information ensures that everyone involved in an incident response is on the same page. Cooperation and understanding between agencies are crucial.

Because ETP are constantly patrolling the highways, the "Minutemen" are often the first to come upon



and respond to expressway incidents. Minutemen are often the initial point of contact to inform CFD, Illinois State Police and other responders what is involved and needed. They also set up safe emergency lane closures to warn approaching vehicles and protect responders working at an incident site.

The event was attended by ETP staff as well as 200 personnel with the CFD Special Operations Unit.



**MOTORISTS
ASSISTED BY IDOT
EMERGENCY TRAFFIC
RESPONDERS IN
D1 & D8**

59K

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IDOT RECOGNIZES WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK, ENCOURAGES SAFE DRIVING DURING CONSTRUCTION SEASON

IDOT joined forces with Illinois State Police, Illinois Tollway, industry partners and frontline construction workers to celebrate National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week. To signal the start of construction season and call attention to the life-and-death issues facing workers and law enforcement, Gov. Pritzker proclaimed April 8-12 as “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” in Illinois.



The theme for this year’s week was “Drive Like You Work Here,” reinforcing the message that drivers must slow down, avoid all distractions and proceed cautiously in and around construction sites or stopped vehicles. Lane closures, changes in traffic patterns, reduced speed limits and the presence of workers and equipment demand special attention from the motoring public.



MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH, FREE COURSES BOOST RIDER SAFETY

Motorcycles represent only 3% of total vehicle registrations in Illinois, but they account for 12% of traffic fatalities.

When the open road calls, riders are encouraged to balance their freedom with appropriate safety measures, including proper training. To help motorcyclists learn or brush up on riding skills, IDOT offers free motorcycle safety courses. These courses are offered through the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program and, depending on the region, are managed by three different universities; Harper College, Illinois Central College and Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Funding comes from fees for motorcycle registration, license

and renewals. In 2019, the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program was able to offer courses at 41 sites across the state.

SIU’s program predates IDOT’s creation of the state-wide program in 1976. Established in 1968, the program celebrated its 50th year of training safer riders with the goal of eliminating fatal crashes.


Adding to our efforts to help keep motorcyclists and all users of the road safe, Gov. Pritzker proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Illinois, joining IDOT, the Illinois State Police and motorcycle safety advocates to remind motorists to Start Seeing Motorcycles.



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IDOT WORKS TIRELESSLY TO MAKE ILLINOIS AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO BUILD A CAREER, RAISE A FAMILY AND GROW A BUSINESS.

OUR TALENTED TEAM MEMBERS ARE FOCUSED ON COMING UP WITH NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO



**COMPLETE THIS IMPORTANT WORK WITH THE
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PROVIDING A SUPERIOR SYSTEM THE WHOLE STATE CAN
ENJOY WITH PRIDE.**

IDOT WINS AASHTO GRAND PRIZE FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW



The Illinois Department of Transportation won the Grand Prize in America's Transportation Awards, the top honor for state departments of transportation, for a joint effort with Missouri to improve mobility and access throughout the Metro East region. The award marks the second consecutive year IDOT has won the honor, presented at the AASHTO annual meeting in St. Louis.

The partnership between Illinois and Missouri produced several bridge projects over the past decade to improve connections to jobs and tourist destinations in the metropolitan area.

The nomination, selected from a field of 81 nominations from 39 states, also was in the running for the People's Choice Award determined by online voting. The project received 12,443 votes, the sixth-highest total in the contest.

IDOT donated its \$5,000 share of the prize to SIU Edwardsville's Upward Bound program. The program provides educational opportunities for middle and high school students in East St. Louis, Cahokia, SIUE East St. Louis Charter, Brooklyn and Madison, with a focus on encouraging low-income, first-generation college students to seek post-secondary education. Upward Bound and IDOT have long partnered to teach kids about engineering careers.

INNOVATIVE IDEAS CONTEST RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEE INITIATIVE



In 2019, IDOT held its second successful Innovative Ideas Contest – an annual challenge that encourages employees to share original ideas that result in improved service for the traveling public and potential savings for taxpayers.

This year, more than 180 ideas were submitted, and 40 finalists were chosen to showcase their work at IDOT's Central Office in March. Two Grand Champions were named. District 8 took home the Operations Grand Champion award with a hot mix asphalt adjustable screed,

which allowed the district to reduce manpower and time requirements for patching by approximately 25%. District 7 won the Technical Grand Champion award with their District Resource for Informative and Voluntary Exchange program, a low-cost, in-house solution for training new employees and minimizing loss of knowledge from retiring employees. Additionally, District 1 received the People's Choice award, which was voted on by IDOT employees. District 1's innovation was a robust automated template to help design ADA-accessible pedestrian ramps.



DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN CONTEST WINS NATIONAL AWARD

IDOT's 2019 dynamic message sign contest took home top honors from the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials Committee on Transportation Communication (Transcomm) at its annual conference.

The Office of Communications developed the dynamic message sign contest as a solution to help reduce fatal and serious crashes in Illinois by reaching out to the public as they drive.

Dynamic message signs are one way to specifically combat distracted driving, an underlying cause of crashes that often goes unreported. By relaying messages to active drivers, they have the unique ability to caution against reckless habits that may currently be in progress. Displaying messages submitted from fellow

drivers added a personal investment for motorists to continue a dialogue about safe driving.

The contest was judged on measurable results of audience engagement. More than 1,400 entries were submitted from across the state. The most popular Facebook post about the contest reached nearly 13,000 people.



RESURFACING PROJECT WINS APWA PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

IDOT was named the winner of the American Public Works Association – Chicago Metro Chapter Southwest Branch's Public Works Project of the Year for a transportation project between \$25 million and \$75 million. The winning project was the resurfacing of I-55 from Weber Road to Willow Springs Road. Wight and Company, project consultant, submitted the project for consideration on behalf of the department.

The District 1 project stretched through Bolingbrook, Woodridge, Romeoville, Darien, Burr Ridge, Willowbrook and Chicago in DuPage, Will and Cook counties for a total of more than 14 miles.

The work included resurfacing, bridge deck and joint repairs, installation of fiber optic infrastructure, safety and drainage spot improvements, landscaping and vegetation management.

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