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Business, labor disappointed by failure of transit plan

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Business and labor groups are disappointed that Illinois lawmakers rejected financial aid for mass transit systems

The Transportation for Illinois Coalition says there will be "dire consequences" in the Chicago area if something isn't done to help.

Governor Rod Blagojevich praised lawmakers for rejecting the aid plan. He objects because it would increase sales taxes for people in the six-county Chicago area.

House Speaker Michael Madigan says the plan's failure will mean hardship for senior citizens, disabled people and workers who depend on public transportation to get to their jobs.

Madigan says he'll keep trying to build support for the \$434 million plan.

The measure needed 71 votes to pass, but it got only 61 today.

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