



Make Transportation a Priority in 2007

- Illinois' economy, its future, and its stature in the world are based on our superior transportation infrastructure.
- While education and health care have been discussed as top funding priorities this legislative session, improved transportation is fundamental to the growth of our economy which produces the tax revenues that support ongoing government investment. Addressing transportation investment now is critical to achieving and sustaining other program goals.
- The transportation dollars raised in the last state capital program, Illinois FIRST in 1999, have run out. Illinois needs to reinvest in its transportation infrastructure. Failure to plan and invest in our infrastructure could damage this vitally important Illinois asset, leading to an economic slow down and job loss.
- We are reaching the tipping point. If we fail to invest our transportation infrastructure this year, we may never get back the business, investment and jobs –the tax base – on which the state depends.

Recommended new annual investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.8 billion for state highways • \$340 million for local roads • \$2 billion in Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) capital • \$61 million, downstate transit capital • \$400 million, RTA operating • \$35 million, downstate transit operating • \$100 million, Chicago Regional Environmental and Transportation Efficiency program (easing freight rail congestion in northern Illinois) • \$6 million, state rail freight • \$260 million, intercity passenger rail • \$20 million, airports outside Chicago • TFIC's funding recommendation includes needs identified by the American Economics Group (state and local highways), IDOT (state highways, transit capital, airports), Illinois Association of County Engineers (local roads), Illinois Public Transportation Association (downstate transit capital, operating), RTA (northeast Illinois transit capital, operating), CREATE (rail congestion in northeast Illinois) and Midwest High Speed Rail Association (intercity passenger rail service)
Who is TFIC?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFIC is a diverse group of statewide and regional business, labor, industry and governmental organizations committed to all modes of transportation, including rail, air, water, highways and mass transit that have joined together in a united and focused effort to support a strong transportation alliance for Illinois.



Transportation for Illinois Coalition Members

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Highway 34 Coalition
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Illinois Construction Industry Committee
Illinois Professional Land Surveyors
Illinois Public Transportation Association
Illinois Society of Professional Engineers
Illinois Valley Contractors Association
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Structural Engineers Association of Illinois
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