



April 1, 2009

The Honorable Pat Quinn  
Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

The Transportation for Illinois Coalition is grateful for the commitment from the leadership of the House and Senate in response to our initial concerns with the capital "jump-start" proposal. With commitments to backfill the Road Fund for monies that are used this spring for highway bond authorization, to use general revenue funds to support transit debt service, and to negotiate a more comprehensive capital bill in May that includes additional transportation investment, the TFIC is supportive of this jump-start plan.

As we understand the plan, \$200 million in existing road fund monies would be used to service \$2 billion of new highway bonds and diversions from the road fund will be reduced to backfill the fund. In addition, \$100 million in general revenue funds would cover debt service on \$1 billion in new transit bonds. Because the need for transportation investment is much greater than this small program can support, we are pleased to have a commitment to continue negotiations on a more comprehensive capital proposal this spring that will include new revenues and will address additional highway and transit needs, as well as local road, rail and small airport funding.

We appreciate the leadership of the Quinn administration and the General Assembly on this matter and look forward to working with all parties for approval of a comprehensive transportation capital funding program.

Sincerely,

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Chicago District Laborers – LMCC

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