

Jim Randolph participated in the TFIC legislative tour yesterday. It was well attended and very well put together. Our group is working towards secure funding solutions for our infrastructure and educating legislators firsthand how bad our road and bridge system really is. Various speakers including county engineers made presentations on the bus in between stops on the 5 hour tour throughout District 6 and Springfield. IRMCA member Altorfer CAT provided an onsite tour of their newest facility in Springfield and legislators got to operate a remote control skid steer loader and a mini excavator. They also were given a ride in a semi-tractor trailer on Interstate 55 provided by Matt Hart of the Illinois Trucking Association to add to their experience and perspective what it's like to be in a truck on the road. Overall it was a great day for our group of legislators and we will be doing another one in the Chicago area in September.

See the additional information and news coverage below.



End of Week Summary: August 10, 2018

TFIC Legislative Tour

TFIC held our first of two tours of Illinois infrastructure challenges for legislative champions yesterday. Thank you to Representatives Butler, Evans, Jimenez, McDermed, and Olsen for joining us on the tour! We also want to thank Kevin Burke and Bill Frey for organizing the day. We had excellent attendance from TFIC

members for the tour and appreciate everyone taking the time to come out and offer their perspectives for the legislators to hear. The tour looked at an aging local bridge that carries significant agricultural traffic, a local quarry, the Altorfer CAT dealership in Springfield, and took the legislators for a ride on a semi. The condition of the roads was incorporated throughout the tour to highlight the pavement condition challenges in the area. IDOT officials joined us, as well, to offer the Department's perspective. It was a great educational day! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend!

The first news coverage from the tour came out last night on News Channel 20, a local TV news station. The story can be found [here](#).

A few pictures are below, but you can access all the pictures from the day [here](#) and [here](#).







Federal Update

Senate USDOT Budget Bill

The Senate passed a budget bill for USDOT and the FAA for FY 19, which will now need to be reconciled with the House version. It blocks funding for Federal Transit Administration policy changes to the Capital Investment Grants program after the FTA announced its intent to change the policy in a way many transit advocates felt would reduce funding available. You can see the breakdown of funding levels in [this summary](#). And [this report](#) has a nice chart comparing the Senate and House FY 19 versions with the FY 18 budget.

Dept of Interior Infrastructure Needs

Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, held a press event this week to highlight the need for investment in infrastructure on federal lands. Zinke said the National Parks are \$11.7 billion behind in needed infrastructure investment. Zinke is referring to all forms of infrastructure, not just transportation infrastructure. [More](#)

News

[Trump's Lack of Action on Public Works Sparks New Ad Campaign](#)

Longview News Journal

[Study Finds Self Driving Cars Repeatedly Fail to Stop for Obstacles](#)

The Hill

[Lawsuit Looks to Remove Fuel Tax from November Ballot \(MO\)](#)

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