



End of Week Summary

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### State Update

The legislature is meeting today, the last day of the current fiscal year. TFIC held a press conference yesterday to complement our direct lobbying, PR, and grassroots outreach highlighting the negative impact on direct jobs, indirect jobs, and the Illinois economy that would come from shutting down projects.

Also yesterday, Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno announced she is retiring effective July 1. Senate Republicans have indicated they will vote for a new leader at 9:00am today to smooth the transition and attempt to keep budget negotiations progressing.



### Calendar

**July 6. 1:30pm.** Federal Affairs Committee by conference call (712-775-7031 passcode 623-949-741)

**July 10. 3:30pm.** State

House Committee in-person  
at Filson/Gordon Offices (312  
S. Fourth Street, Suite 200,  
Springfield) and by  
conference call (712-775-  
7031 passcode 623-949-741)

At this time, we are cautiously optimistic that if budget negotiations fail the General Assembly will take steps to prevent a construction shutdown. However, the situation is fluid. Please continue reaching out to your legislators. We will keep you up to date as things progress.

### **Federal Update**

#### **FASTLANE Changes**

USDOT announced changes this week to the Federal FASTLANE program, which provides grant funding to fund freight and highway projects. The program is being renamed the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America program and will focus on projects that leverage non-federal funds and that use innovative delivery for permitting and project delivery. The focus will be on projects that promote national or regional economic mobility or safety. [More](#)

#### **FAA**

The Senate and House have begun markups of legislation to reauthorize the FAA. Both chambers continue the Essential Air Service program, which provides funding to small, rural airports. House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman has also introduced legislation to privatize the air traffic controllers, which is an issue that he has supported in the past and that President Trump supports. However, there is bipartisan opposition to the idea in Congress. [More](#)

#### **Amtrak**

Amtrak testified this week that the Trump Administration's budget would prevent it from continuing capital upgrades

to the Northeastern Corridor. The Northeastern Corridor is the profitable portion of Amtrak service and capital improvements to the corridor have traditionally received bipartisan support from legislators representing the Northeast. [More](#)

### **Traffic Increasing**

The FHWA reports that traffic increased 2.8% in 2016 to 3.2 trillion miles and is continuing to increase in 2017, with a 1.2% increase in traffic in April 2017 over April 2016. [More](#)

### **News**

[Local, State Officials Celebrate I-74 Bridge Groundbreaking](#)

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