



INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL

Newsletter

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The Infrastructure Council is an initiative of the Illinois Chamber that brings together Chamber members with a focus on increasing infrastructure investments in a strategic and thoughtful way to boost the overall business climate in Illinois. Our focus is on the public and private systems that are essential to Illinois businesses.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This week is the final session week before the legislature takes two weeks to be in district and Friday is also the third reading deadline for bills to move out of the first chamber. The bills below are bills we have been tracking that moved out of the first chamber.

[SB 24](#) (mandates a two person freight train crew)--Oppose
[SB 1256](#) (limits idling of semis)--Oppose

[SB 1988](#) (creates the High Speed Railway Commission)--Support

[HB 1633](#) (enhanced penalties for damaging critical infrastructure)--Support

[HB 2823](#) (RTA working cash)--Support

Deadline extensions can still be granted for bills that do not move out of the first chamber by adjournment tomorrow.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WORKING GROUPS

The Governor continued to convene a working group of key legislators this week. The group meets frequently to discuss both transportation capital investment and non-transportation projects like University or school projects and park districts. This week I was also invited to participate in a working group meeting with House legislators who have been meeting twice a week on transportation funding. I provided information about the Chamber's proposal as well as the needs and information about possible funding sources generally.

MEMBER NEWS

[Illinois American Water Water Quality Expert Lori Stenzel Recognized with ISAWWA Outstanding Woman in Water Award](#)

INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL NEWS

I joined Marc Poulos, Executive Director of the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting, to discuss transportation funding this session with Mark Maxwell on WCIA's Capital Connection. [Watch the video here.](#)

Key Legislation

[Infrastructure](#)

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Upcoming Events

April 5
| **Civic Federation Funding Forum**
Chicago, IL

April 12 | IL General Assembly Third Reading Deadline
Springfield, IL

Oct 15 (tent) | Critical Infrastructure Summit
Collinsville, IL





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