



## End of Week Summary: May 10, 2019

### State Update

#### ***HB 391, HB 3233, HB 3823***

Three bills outlining transportation funding options have been introduced in Springfield. HB 391 and HB 3233 contain language put forward by the Operating Engineers that would raise \$2.4 billion annually for roads and transit. HB 3823 incorporates the Chamber's proposal for funding transportation, with about \$2 billion in revenue, some of which is bonded, to fund roads, transit and rail infrastructure.

This week, The House Revenue Committee moved HB 391 out of House Revenue Committee on a partisan roll call with all Democrats voting for the measure. Despite the lack of Republican votes, the conversation during the hearing was constructive and everyone who spoke emphasized the importance of finding a way to fund Illinois' transportation needs. In addition to the committee action, House Democrats held a press conference to underscore their commitment

to transportation funding and to continued talks. Senators Sandoval (D-Cicero) and DeWitte (R-West Dundee) also held a press conference with several TFIC members sharing the same message.

The House working group on capital continues to meet and we expect the Governor's working group with representatives from both legislative chambers will also keep meeting. TFIC is working with all parties to try to ensure approval of sustainable transportation funding this month. There are three weeks left in the spring session.

### ***Wednesday morning transportation briefing***

Our final Wednesday morning transportation briefing for legislators will be Wednesday, May 15 from 8 am- 9 am in the Senate 6th floor Conference Room in the Capitol Building. At this briefing, we will not have a formal presentation, but will have experts there to answer questions legislators may have about transportation challenges and needs, funding proposals and their impacts on consumers.

We will provide background information, messaging ideas and answers to questions from legislators in an open-house-style format. Legislators will be free to come and go as they wish.

### **Federal Update**

#### ***May Fly-In***

A strong contingent of TFIC members will be in Washington next Tuesday and Wednesday for meetings with the federal delegation from Illinois. Our members will be updating federal policymakers on discussions in Springfield regarding transportation funding, and will push for action at the federal level to increase investment, as well.

#### ***Federal Funding Discussions***

Reports from TFIC Co-Chair Dave Bender who is in Washington this week indicate that federal policymakers are optimistic about movement on federal transportation funding increases. See the news coverage below for background on the federal discussions.

### **TFIC Calendar**

Monday May 13 at 3:30 pm TFIC State House Committee meeting/call, 312 S. Fourth St., Ste. 200., Springfield and by conference call: 217-903-4694. State House will be meeting every Monday at 3:30 pm for the next few weeks just to allow for members to share intelligence on transportation funding discussions and discuss outreach as needed.

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### **In the News**

[House T and I Member Day Hearing Elicits Transportation Concerns](#)

(AASHTO Journal)

[Trump, Congressional Democrat Leaders Plan \\$2 Trillion Infrastructure Package](#)

(AASHTO Journal)

[Gas Taxes, License Fees Increase Under Illinois Senate Proposal](#)

(Chicago Tribune)

[Americans Cross Structurally Deficient Bridges 178 Million Times Every Day](#)

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