End of Week Summary: 
June 5, 2020

State Update

Recovery Plan
As a reminder, the TFIC steering committee is beginning a discussion to try to reach consensus on a plan for rebuilding the Illinois economy after COVID-19 through investment in our infrastructure. The intent is for coalition members to develop a proactive plan that supports all transportation modes and the workers that make it possible. The expertise inherent in the organizations that make up the coalition can be useful, we think, to policymakers who will be looking for economic recovery plans following the COVID pandemic.

Ideally, each TFIC member organization would nominate a representative to contribute expertise to the plan development process. Please notify Jennifer Morrison (jennifer@filson-gordon.com) of the name and contact information for the
individual(s) from your organization who will be taking part.

Here is a summary of the process and an outline for our initial discussion. The first discussion will take place June 18.

Recovery Plan Discussion
1 pm June 18
By conference call: 217-903-4695

Federal Update

The U S House has unveiled a comprehensive investment proposal that provides $83.1 billion in immediate DOT funding for COVID relief and $411 billion over five years under provisions of the Surface Transportation Authorization. More on that in this release and attachments. Congressman Rodney Davis and other Republicans have criticized the legislation for its urban focus and their lack of involvement in developing the legislation. More on that in this Roll Call article. AASHTO also released a statement indicating its disappointment that the bill was not developed in a bipartisan manner.

In the News

Senate EPW hearing: infrastructure vital to economy and social equity
(AASHTO Journal)

House Dems seek billions for CTA, Union Station, roads
(Crain's Chicago Business)

US FTA announces grants for public transportation projects across country
(FTA)

Congress mulls pandemic assistance for maritime industry
APTA urges CDC to reconsider advice to commute by car
(Transportation Today)

WI faces huge highway fund shortfall
(Urban Milwaukee)

EPA narrows states veto power over infrastructure projects
(Bloomberg Law)