

## Illinois Department of Transportation

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MEMORANDUM TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE 102<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SUBJECT: Illinois State Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The primary purpose of the Illinois LRTP is to provide strategic direction for the development of the Illinois transportation system. The LRTP vision for transportation in Illinois is to provide innovative, sustainable and multimodal transportation solutions that support local goals and grow Illinois' economy. This vision was established in conjunction with stakeholders to ensure that equal opportunity to participate fully in the planning and decision-making process was available for all populations throughout the State.

Stakeholders have sent a strong message to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) supporting improved and increased multimodal options. Illinois' vast multimodal network provides tremendous opportunity to better link existing and new segments of the system together to improve mobility.

The LRTP is designed to provide the overarching framework for the development of IDOT programs and specific modal plans. It establishes a set of policies to guide future system development. The LRTP is designed to act as the policy umbrella for other relevant policy and mode-specific plans developed by IDOT as part of a suite of plans. This suite of interrelated plans includes the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Rail Plan, Freight Plan, Transportation Asset Management Plan, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture, Bike Plan and Transit Plan.

LRTP policies provide a framework to guide the sustainable development of an integrated system that is safe, equitable, efficient and reliable; enhances quality of life; supports the economic prosperity of the state; and promotes data-driven, performance-based decision making.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is proud to submit this plan which demonstrates our commitment to the citizens and users of the vast transportation system in Illinois. The plan is available for review at:

https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning/lrtp/index

I appreciate your continued support for transportation investments throughout Illinois.

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Cc: Governor J.B. Pritzker