

# INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL

# Newsletter



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## *TFIC Hosting Legislative Champions in Chicago*

Last month, dozens of Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TFIC) members join some of our legislative champions [downstate for a transportation tour](#). These champions come from both chambers and both sides of the aisle and have been engaging with TFIC since January to become true policy experts on transportation policy.

Throughout session, these lawmakers attended morning meetings that dove in detail into local funding, transit, rail, waterways, road, and bridge infrastructure. The results are lawmakers who understand how important strong investment is but also how important a multi-modal system is for Illinois.

Next week these champions will be in Chicago, IL, for a full day of tours finishing up with a multi-campaign fundraiser that evening at the Union League Club of Chicago. The Chicago tour will focus on transit and improvements to existing infrastructure, specifically the Jane Byrne Interchange which is in the middle of a multi-year project to untangle some of its loops and hoops to make the interchange more efficient and less congested.

Information for the fundraiser is below and we look forward to seeing you next Monday!

## **[TFIC Chamapions Fundraiser](#)**

### **UNION PACIFIC'S LANCE FRITZ KEYNOTE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

It's your last chance to purchase a table for September 20, 2018 at the Hilton Chicago for the 2018 Illinois Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. Lance Fritz, the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of [Union Pacific Railroad](#) will keynote this exciting event.

Union Pacific Railroad is one of two western-U.S. railroads that connects Illinois agriculture and industry to the West Coast and international markets. In addition, their heritage traces back to Abraham Lincoln, who signed the Pacific Railway Act of 1862, setting the wheels in motion that eventually connected the Pacific to the Mississippi River by rail—a fitting story for Illinois' bicentennial celebration!

We'll thank you now for [your sponsorship](#) as this is an opportunity you don't want to miss. See you there!

### **PRESIDENT TRUMP'S INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISOR, CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL HIGHLIGHT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE**

Alex Hergott, President Trump's infrastructure advisor, joins Canadian Consulate General John Cruickshank as the keynote speakers at the 2018 Critical Infrastructure Conference hosted by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce.

They join an [already strong agenda](#) that includes Anthony Bedell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, IDOT Secretary Blankenhorn, IIPD Executive Director Clayton Harris III, Tony Boemi, Vice-President, Growth & Development for the Port of Montreal, and Rob Russell, Assistant Vice President, Network & Industrial Development, Union Pacific Railroad.

Sponsorship and speaking opportunities remain available but don't delay!

[Agenda & Registration](#)

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Illinois lawmakers remain out of session and on the campaign trail.

Last week the Illinois Chamber of Commerce released our [legislative ratings](#) for the Illinois House and Senate. We encourage you to take a look at the ratings to see if the legislators who represent your facilities and home support pro-growth policies that encourage business to grow here in Illinois, or if they don't support pro-growth policies.

We're finishing up our first draft of our legislative priorities for 2019. These primarily build off of our 2018 introduced legislation with some changes. We'll go through several editions of these before it's time to work with a sponsor for introduction so stay tuned!

All legislation from the spring session has been sent to the Governor and been acted upon. There are a lot of bills that could be called during veto session though we expect that list to clear up between now and November.

## IDOT FINALIST IN CONTEST

IDOT and the I-55/Lake Shore Drive reconstruction project are currently competing for [America's top transportation project](#) from now until when voting closes September 22. If IDOT wins, \$10,000 will go to Special Olympics, which if you didn't know celebrated a [milestone anniversary earlier this year](#). This is the first time that IDOT has a project up for the award and we're doing our part to get the vote out.

An example social media post is below as well as the link to vote.

*An @IDOT\_Illinois project helping @(your organization) is in the running to earn \$10K for @specialochi. Vote daily through 9/22!  
<https://bit.ly/2LI7zqO>*

[Vote Daily, Vote Often](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES IN ILLINOIS BUSINESS LEADER

The Illinois Business Leader is the comprehensive, must-have quarterly print publication by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. This magazine provides cutting-edge information on the state's business community. It also keeps members up-to-date on movement in Springfield and Washington D.C. that affects you every day.

We're excited to offer Chamber members a discount to advertise in the Illinois Business Leader. In addition to the print magazine sent out to all members, each issue is posted online at [www.ilchamber.org/illinois-business-leader](http://www.ilchamber.org/illinois-business-leader) and all ads are hot-linked for additional marketing value.

The media kit is [available here](#) or you can call Andrew Zielonka, Sales Manager, at 630-955-3592 or [azielonka@dailyherald.com](mailto:azielonka@dailyherald.com). for more information on how your company can get in front of all Illinois Chamber of Commerce member businesses.

#### **ILLINOIS CHAMBER IN THE NEWS**

[State officials launch Driving a Cleaner Illinois program](#) (advantage)

[Frerichs accuses Rauner of mismanagement over blocked building deal](#) (Herald & Review)

[Sharpe split in Chamber ratings](#) (Crain's Chicago)

#### **HEADLINES OF INTEREST**

[FCC awards Illinois \\$10M for rural broadband](#) (WQAD)

[LaHood to lead Chicago transportation task force](#)  
(Progressive Railroading)

[New private activity bond legislation introduced in Senate](#) (Water Finance & Management)

[FMCSA regulatory reform is a done deal, with a caveat](#)  
(Truckinginfo)

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#### *Key Legislation*

[Infrastructure](#)

[Employment Law](#)

[Taxes](#)

[Environment & Energy](#)

#### *Upcoming Events*

**September 20**  
**| 2018 Annual Meeting**  
Chicago, IL

Procurement

All Key Chamber Legislation

**October 2 & 3 | Critical Infrastructure Conference**  
St. Louis, MO

**November 6 | Election Day**  
America



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