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Legislative Champions Tour Chicago, See Costs of Differed Investment in Infrastructure

Monday was a doozy. A big thank you to the lawmakers who joined us, including Senator Martin Sandoval, Senator Melinda Bush, Senator Chuck Weaver, Representative Marcus Evans Jr., Representative Mike Zalewski, Representative Margo McDermed, Representative Terri Bryant, Representative Tim Butler, and Representative David Olsen.

Chairman Kirk Dillard of the [Regional Transportation Authority](#), President & CEO Jim Derwinski of [Metra](#), and President Dorval R. Carter, Jr., [Chicago Transit Authority](#). Representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation were also on hand throughout the day.

This tour showcased multiple modes of transportation—everything but automobile and plane—and highlighted the needs of the Chicago region. As a reminder, this is the second tour that many of these lawmakers participated in as there was a similar tour a few weeks ago in the Springfield, IL, area that showcased those transportation needs.

Without a doubt 2019 will be the year to begin an infrastructure program. These champions continue to take the time to learn as much as possible about transportation needs here in Illinois. All of them have pledged to help educate their colleagues in the General Assembly as we approach the time to act on this issue.

Ryan Keith of TFIC has a number of pictures from throughout the day which you can check out at his [flickr account](#). Additionally you can check out the [@ILChamberAction](#) account on twitter for a few day of shots as well as some tidbits of information from our travels.

VIP RAIL TOUR ADDED TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT TRUMP'S INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISOR, CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis is once again hosting a rail tour highlighting the infrastructure assets of the St. Louis-Metro East Region. This tour is open to sponsors and key supporters and is taking place the night before the 2018 Critical Infrastructure Conference. This will be to meet and mingle with our speakers and other leaders of infrastructure investment from both the Illinois and Missouri sides of the river.

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. We look forward to everyone attending our Annual Luncheon tomorrow which will feature a number of Illinois legislators in attendance.

DID YOU VOTE FOR IDOT?

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 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. for more information on

how your company can get in front of all Illinois Chamber of Commerce member businesses.

ILLINOIS CHAMBER IN THE NEWS

[Appeals court: IL doesn't usurp feds' power by making coal, gas burners subsidize Illinois nuke plants](#) (Cook County Record)

[Gov. Bruce Rauner nets endorsement from business groups, assails J.B. Pritzker on tax plan](#) (Chicago Tribune)

HEADLINES OF INTEREST

[Metra won't hike fares in 2019](#) (Progressive Railroading)

[House and Senate negotiators reach agreement on water infrastructure bill](#) (The Hill)

[Congress clears first fiscal 2019 spending package](#) (Politico)

[Illinois River closures, fish barriers are top concerns at IRCA](#) (Waterways Journal)

[Metra finishes installing on-board wayside PTC equipment](#) (Progressive Railroading)

[AAR names Jefferies to succeed Hamberger as CEO](#) (Progressive Railroading)

[Can a new skipper right the ship at Port of Chicago?](#) (Crain's Chicago Business)

[New water funding authorized under massive House bill](#) (Water Finance & Management)

[Committee sends Longmeadow toll bridge to full Kane County Board](#) (Daily Herald)

Key Legislation

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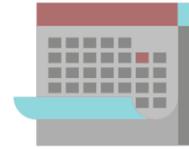
Upcoming Events

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

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

All Key Chamber Legislation

November 6 |
Election Day
America



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