



End of Week Summary: December 21, 2018

State Update

Transition

The Pritzker Infrastructure transition committee met for the last time in Springfield yesterday. A report is expected in early 2019.

Petition Supporting Infrastructure Investment

We continue to collect signatures on the TFIC Petition calling for a responsible investment in our transportation infrastructure. **Please ask your members to sign the [petition available here](#) and encourage their friends and colleagues to do so as well!** The petition is also available on [our website](#).

To date, 453 people have signed the petition. Thanks to everyone who has helped get signatures so far!

2019 Lobby Day

We have reserved the Inn at 835 for our 2019 Lobby Day. We will meet at the Inn beginning at 11 am for a lunch and organizational meeting. After lunch,

participants will walk to the Capitol to visit with legislators. A reception will conclude the day back at the Inn at 835 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

We are encouraging member organizations to sponsor the event. Use the form [here](#) to sign up as a sponsor.

State Legislative Group says IL is 45th for Transportation Tax Burden

The Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability issued a report recently ranking the state with regard to tax burden as compared with other states. When discussing the transportation tax burden in Illinois, COGFA ranked the state 45th overall, noting Illinois collects about \$105 per Illinois resident to support transportation investment. The average per-capita rate in the country is \$138.

Federal Update

Budget Extension

At the time of this publication, Congress and the President have not yet reached agreement on a spending plan that would prevent a federal government shutdown. If a plan is not approved by the end of the day, a shutdown will occur. The temporary budget approved through today increased highway funding above FAST Act levels by \$3.3 billion, but the increase cannot take effect until a full budget is passed. Included in the increase is an \$800 million dollar increase in funding for rural bridges.

No End of Week Newsletter Next Week

Due to the holiday break, we will not be sending a newsletter next Friday, December 28. Look for the first End of Week Summary in 2019 on Friday, January 4th.

News

[Chicago area gets Federal Money to Plan Red Line Extension](#)

FTA

[Government Shutdown Hangs Over US Ports](#)

Port Strategy

[Moline Airport Receives \\$2.2 million in Federal Funds](#)

US DOT

[Trump Threatens Infrastructure Legislation Over Border Wall](#)

Roll Call

[State, Local Governments Investing in Infrastructure](#)

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