



End of Week Summary: July 6, 2018

Federal Update

The tariffs on aluminum and steel are having a significant impact on infrastructure projects. The American Institute for International Steel said that customers are experiencing price increases of 50% or more and the Associated General Contractors of America reported their members are experiencing significant price increases and, in some cases, delivery delays for infrastructure projects. A lawsuit alleging the statute under which President Trump unilaterally imposed the tariffs is unconstitutional has been filed by the American Institute for International Steel.

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Merchants Bridge Project

St. Louis' Merchants Bridge replacement project did not receive federal grant money in the latest round of USDOT grants and the future of the bridge is now in question. The project needed USDOT to cover 1/3 of the replacement costs for the bridge, which is a one-way, speed-limited rail bridge crossing the Mississippi. The Terminal Railroad Association, which operates the bridge, planned to cover the other 2/3 of the project cost. [More](#)

Amtrak Safety Changes

In the wake of last year's fatal train crashes, Amtrak is revising its safety policies and undergoing further reviews. Amtrak said it will no longer operate on freight railroads that don't meet its specifications and it has revised several internal policies. It is unclear how a lack of Positive Train Control technology on tracks could affect Amtrak's decision on whether to operate on a given route. [More](#)

TFIC Calendar

Monday, July 9. 3:30pm. State House Committee by conference call and at the Filson/Gordon offices in Springfield.

Wednesday, July 18. 2:00pm. Steering Committee by conference call and at the Illinois Trucking Association offices in Joliet.

News

[Chicago Cycling Advocates' Wishlist for Transportation Safety](#)

WBEZ Chicago

[Ohio River Ferry Between Kentucky, Illinois Reducing Hours](#)

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[Major Investors Cite Political Turbulence as Obstacle in Infrastructure Project Progress \(UK\)](#)

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