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End of Week Summary: February 2nd

Federal Update

State of the Union Address

President Trump gave his second State of the Union Address this week. In it, he called for "at least \$1.5 trillion" in infrastructure investment but did not provide further details about that investment, either in the form of revenue proposals or to confirm cost-share rumors that states, local governments, and private companies would need to provide 80% of that funding.

One report came out that the administration and Republican leadership pressed rank and file Republicans to consider a motor fuel tax increase. The administration has appeared to warm and cool to the idea a few times over the past year. [More](#)

Passenger Rail Funding

The State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee provided its report to Congress this week. The report calls for Congress to develop a dedicated fund for capital improvements to intercity passenger rail. [More](#)

State Update

Governor Rauner gave his State of the State address this week. The Governor highlighted accomplishments from Illinois' past and some of the issues he would like to work on this spring, including term limits, pensions, property taxes, and addressing sexual harassment. Some Democrat reactions, as well as some of the Governor's priorities, hinted at a difficult road ahead for the Governor to work bipartisanly with Democrats. Governor Rauner presents his budget Wednesday, February 14th.

Amtrak Train Collision

An Amtrak train carrying Republican members of Congress, some of whom had family and staff with them, struck a garbage truck in Virginia. The truck was on the tracks and the collision resulted in one fatality and one serious injury among those on the truck. No serious injuries were reported among train passengers or staff. The NTSB is investigating whether the safety gates and lights on the intersection were working properly. [More](#)

ARTBA Bridge Study

ARTBA released an updated bridge report detailing the number of structurally deficient bridges in the nation. The ARTBA report found that over 50,000 American bridges are structurally deficient and over 2,300 Illinois bridges are structurally deficient. This is a slight increase over previous years. [More](#)

Social Media Update

Facebook reach and engagement was up this week, thanks in large part to a post sharing drone footage of a historic toll bridge in Illinois. That post alone reached over 1100 people. Twitter metrics were also all up.

News

[Uber Lays Out Infrastructure Principles](#)

The Hill

[US Aims to Keep Alignment with California on Auto Mileage Rules](#)

Bloomberg

TFIC Calendar

Monday, February 12th at 3:30: State House Committee



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