



End of Week Summary

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## Federal Update

### Tax Reform

The House Ways and Means Committee voted along party lines to drop the deduction for tax-exempt private activity bonds, which are used to fund public-private infrastructure projects. Illinois Congressman Randy Hultgren is leading efforts in the House to request that the deduction remain. The only Illinois Republican on the Ways and Means Committee is Congressman Peter Roskam. Congressman Danny Davis is the only Illinois Democrat. The Senate indicated they have not yet decided whether their version of the tax reform bill will keep the private activity bond program. [More](#)

### **Confirmations**

Several Trump Administration nominees will now be considered by the full Senate after being confirmed by committee. The nominees are for positions in the National Transportation Safety Board, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, USDOT, and Amtrak. [More](#)

### **Traffic Continues to Grow**

Traffic volume continues to reach record numbers according to the FHWA. In August, the month with the latest numbers, traffic volume grew by 1.4% or 3.9 billion vehicle miles. [More](#)

### **Social Media Roundup**

TFIC earned several new Twitter followers this week (thanks to those of you who followed or promoted our tweets). Tweets averaged about 100 impressions with about 10 total "interactions" (likes, retweets, link clicks).

On Facebook, TFIC reached 350 people this week. The most popular post, in terms of interaction, was our STEM day post with a picture of a roundabout design in Belleville.

Want to follow us? We are at [FB/TFICIllinois](#) and [Twitter/TFICIllinois](#). We are also rolling out Instagram and expect those updates to start next week.

Finally, look for the November calendar of content soon and a weekly digest on Mondays.

### **News**

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