



INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL

# Newsletter

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The Infrastructure Council is an initiative of the Illinois Chamber that brings together Chamber members with a focus on increasing infrastructure investments in a strategic and thoughtful way to boost the overall business climate in Illinois. Our focus is on the public and private systems that are essential to Illinois businesses.

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Hello, hope you bought some GameStop last week. I am not sure what 90s or early 2000s trend the market wants to bring back next week but may I suggest Blackberry Messenger? I miss the BBMs. New format for next week?

### **Committee Chairs**

Newly elected Speaker announced his House committee chairs late Wednesday. For Transportation committees, the chairs remain the same from the 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. Representative John D'Amico will chair the House Transportation: Vehicles & Safety committee. Representative Marty Moylan will chair the House Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges committee. Senator Ram Villivalam will continue to chair the Senate Transportation committee.

You can view the full House committee chair list: [here](#)

I expect full committee listings for both the House and the Senate next week.

### **Bills of Interest**

**[HB 36 \(Stuart\)](#)** - Reduces the trailer flat weight tax for maximum loads of 3,000 pounds and less from \$118 to \$18. Effective immediately.

**[HB 42 \(Meyers-Martin\)](#)** - Provides that, in the absence of an appropriation for any State fiscal year, moneys that are required to be distributed to units of local government and other entities from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the State Gaming Fund, the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund are subject to a continuing appropriation. Effective immediately.

**[HB 97 \(West\)](#)** - Lowers the registration fee for motor vehicles of the first division, other than autocycles, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and pedalcycles, from \$148 to \$120, not including surcharges.

**[HB 253 \(Buckner\)](#)** - Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and implement a transportation performance program for all transportation facilities under its jurisdiction. Provides that the Department shall develop a risk-based, statewide highway system asset management plan to preserve and improve the conditions of highway and bridge assets and enhance the performance of the system while minimizing life-cycle cost. Provides that the asset management plan shall include, at a minimum, strategies leading to a program of projects that would make progress toward achievement of targets for asset condition and performance of the State highway system. Provides that the Department shall develop a performance-based project selection process to prioritize taxpayer investment in transportation assets that go above and beyond maintaining the existing system in a state of good repair and to evaluate projects that add capacity.

**[HB 270 \(Moeller\)](#)** - Provides that, in and within one mile of an urban area, the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility. Effective immediately.

**[HJR 6 \(Didech\)](#)** - Creates the Illinois Route 53 Expansion Land Alternative Use Task Force to study the following: (1) The cost, feasibility, and environmental impact of alternative uses of the expansion land, including any potential impact on flooding in the area, (2) The short and long term economic impact to the region, and (3) All options for funding alternative uses.

### **IDOL Apprenticeship Survey Reminder**

As a reminder to members that have a construction apprenticeship program, the IDOL Apprenticeship Survey responses are due by 5:00PM on March 5, 2021. Please file your report by that time. Pursuant to the State Construction - Minority and Female Building Trades Act

(30 ILCS 577/Article 35), all entities with one or more construction apprenticeship programs in Illinois are required to submit information to the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) regarding the race, gender, ethnicity and national origin of all apprentices participating in the program.

All such entities with construction apprenticeship programs, **whether or not** certified and registered with the US Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship, must submit a completed form to IDOL. The required web-form must be completed and is available on the Department's website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/Apprenticeship-Survey-Submission.aspx>.

### News

GM Deal with Navistar: <https://www.chicagobusiness.com/manufacturing/hydrogen-trucks-get-boost-gm-fuel-cell-deal-navistar>

Car Loan Rate Cap Bill: <https://www.chicagobusiness.com/finance-banking/car-dealers-chafe-illinois-bill-would-cap-interest-auto-loans>

House Schedule Update: [https://www.thecentersquare.com/illinois/despite-canceling-all-but-one-day-next-month-illinois-house-ready-to-get-back-to/article\\_f491f1ec-60de-11eb-b8ae-2f08072b0800.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/illinois/despite-canceling-all-but-one-day-next-month-illinois-house-ready-to-get-back-to/article_f491f1ec-60de-11eb-b8ae-2f08072b0800.html)

Speaker Welch on new House panels:

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/politics/2021/1/28/22253277/speaker-emanuel-chris-welch-chairs-house-committees-rules-general-assembly-house>

More on the GameStop reference in the intro:

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-gamestop-stock-halted-robinhood-20210128-7infdp2hxnfolx6es7s6q3nwe-story.html>

ITLA Interest Rate Bill from Lame Duck: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/madigan-leaves-trial-lawyers-with-parting-gift-up-to-2-years-of-9-interest/>

Future of Springfield's Economy: <https://newschannel20.com/news/local/the-future-of-springfields-economy>

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