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End of Week Summary: November 9, 2018

State Update

Governor-elect Pritzker said in an interview this week that a capital plan for transportation infrastructure would be a priority for "early in the administration." He did not indicate where he would land on revenue sources. There are rumors that a transportation transition team will be announced soon. [More from the interview](#) with Pritzker.

Federal Update

Democrats took control of the House after this week's midterm election, including newly Democratic seats in Illinois. Congressman Roskam and Congressman Hultgren both lost their re-election bid. Congressman-elect Casten, who will be replacing Congressman Roskam, has [endorsed a gas tax increase](#) to fund the Highway Trust Fund and has publicly recognized the need to invest in our transportation infrastructure system. Congressman-elect Underwood, who will be replacing Congressman Hultgren, has made [public transit a priority](#) as part of her platform to address the environment.

Congressman Lipinski, who serves on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, [issued a statement](#) calling on Democrats to work bipartisanly with the President to address the nation's infrastructure needs. All of Illinois' members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Congressmen Bost, Bustos, Davis, and Lipinski) were re-elected.

Congressman DeFazio, who is expected to be the new Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, [gave an interview](#) in which he called for Congress and President Trump to work together on infrastructure. Congressman DeFazio indicated the need for real revenue increases, rather than the public-private partnership financing model favored by the President's administration, but was also quite positive about the President.

Finally, former Congressman Ray LaHood [called on Trump](#) to increase the motor fuel tax.

Transportation Measures Again Largely Successful

The Eno Center for Transportation identified 314 transportation related ballot

measures and noted that a majority of those passed on Tuesday. Among the high profile measures, California's measure to repeal their recent gas tax increase failed and Missouri's 10 cent gas tax increased failed again. [City Lab takes a look](#) at measures around the country.

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