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End of Week Summary: March 8, 2019

State Update

House Committee Hears Testimony on Road Needs

The House Appropriations - Capital Committee heard testimony from a number of organizations yesterday about the condition of roads and bridges in the state and the need for additional funding and investment. TFIC helped coordinate testimony from Alison Premo Black of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association and Steve Hall of the American Council of Engineering Companies. Alison's written testimony is [here](#) and Steve's is [here](#).



The House Committee will hold a hearing next Thursday morning on transit, rail, air and waterways.

Senate Committees Continue Hearings

The Senate Transportation Capital Subcommittee and the Senate Appropriations II Capital Subcommittee will continue their hearings around the state with testimony from local leaders regarding capital investment needs. The committees are selecting area individuals to provide testimony for each hearing. Everyone is welcome to attend, and can bring written comments to the hearing to provide them to committee staff. The next committee hearing will be 1 pm Monday, March 18 at the Decatur Public Library.

TFIC Wednesday Morning Key Legislator Briefings

The next TFIC Wednesday morning briefing will be held on March 13 at the Illinois Chamber first floor conference room, 215 E. Adams, Springfield. The topic will be rail infrastructure and service needs.

Petition in Support of Infrastructure Investment

TFIC is still collecting petition signatures on a petition urging support for increased infrastructure investment. Please share the link to our website with your members, colleagues, family and friends. The link to the website is [here](#).

2019 Lobby Day

Don't forget to sign up for our April 3 transportation lobby day! We hope to have a record number of attendees this year as we push for a significant funding increase for transportation.

If you haven't yet registered, but are planning to attend, please use [this form](#) to register.

A number of organizations have already committed to be sponsors and we are grateful for their strong support. If your group would like to be a sponsor and you haven't yet signed up, you can use the form [here](#) to sign up as a sponsor.

Federal Update

Transportation funding continues to be a topic of discussion at the federal level, but there is no consensus yet on how to move forward. Lawmakers are considering revenue ideas to fund an infrastructure bill. This [story from The Hill](#) reflects part of the discussion. More on fixing the Highway Trust Fund in [this Roll Call article](#). Sam Graves, the ranking member on House T and I Committee, has announced his view of the timing on getting a bill to the President, indicating that he thinks August is the do-or-die deadline. More on that in this [Transport Topics story](#).

News

[Michigan Governor proposes 45 cent gas tax increase](#)

(Detroit News)

[Why Michigan Gas Taxes Aren't Fixing Roads](#)

(WDIV-TV)

[Small % of Interstate Miles Cause Most Congestion](#)

(Heavy Duty Trucking)

[Dallas Plans for Better-Connected City](#)

(Next City)

[AASHTO's Tymon Provides Fuel Tax Insights to Ohio Lawmakers](#)

(AASHTO Journal)

[Second Train from Chicago to Minneapolis Discussed](#)

(Rail Passengers Association)

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