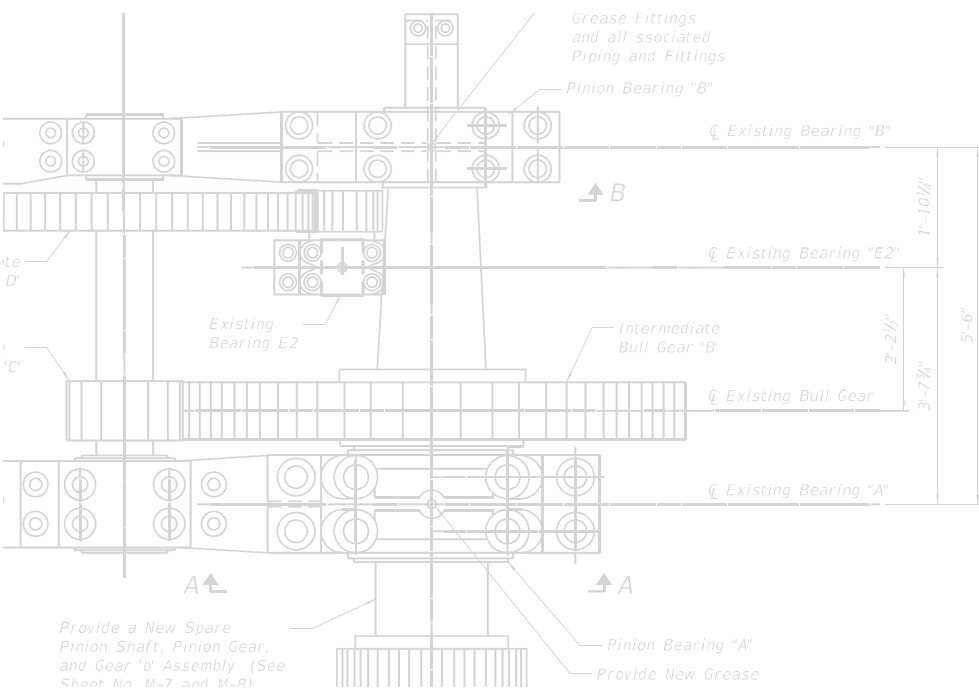




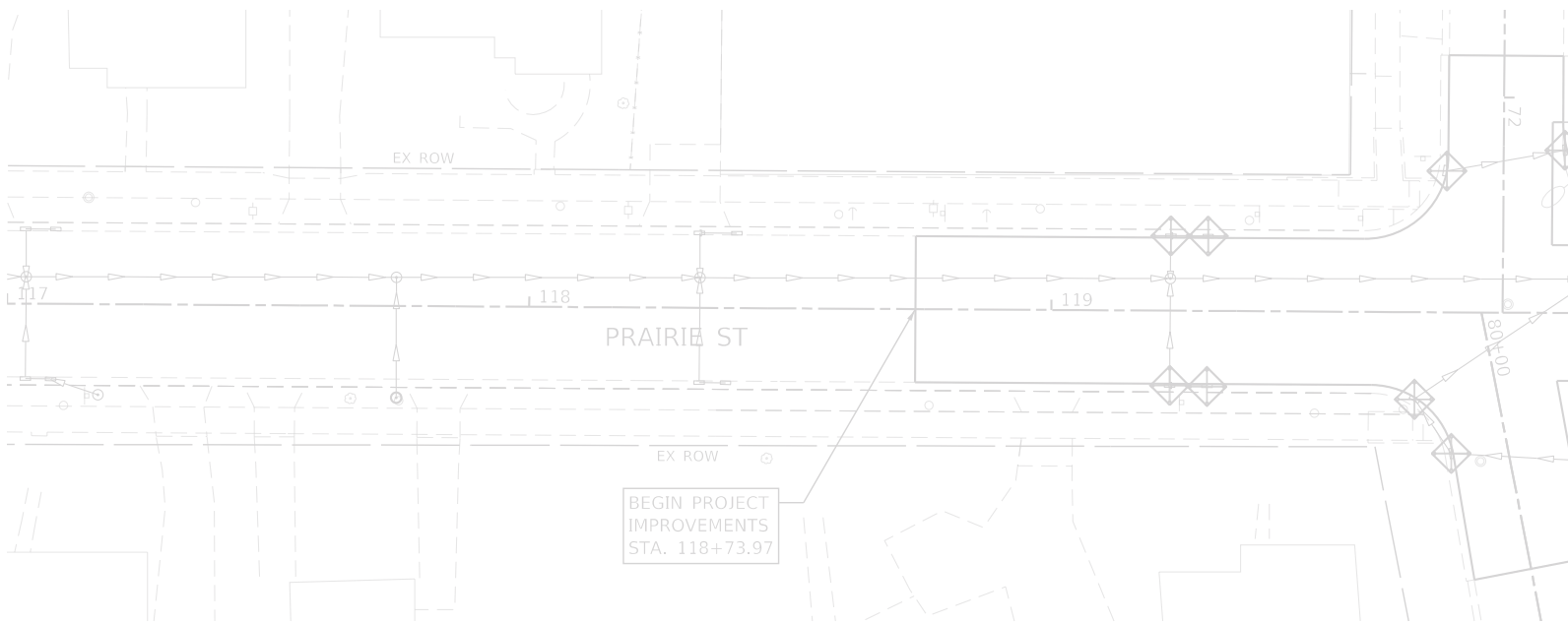
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2. The Contractor shall field verify all dimensions and begin fabrication and installation.
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4. The Contractor shall take precautions to prevent contamination of the bearing journals. Temporarily cover all grease grooves, and locations between the journal and bus to prevent contaminants. Contractor shall provide an/or drawings of debris ingress prevention for approval by the Engineer.
5. Contractor shall ensure that all bearings are open, clear, and able to transmit torque to the satisfaction of the Resident Engineer.
6. All size fasteners shown on the drawings are for reference. Contractor shall verify all dimensions.
7. New turned bolt shanks to be 1/16" larger than existing turned bolt shank diameter. Fit and mating hole diameters to ensure proper fit per Specifications and Contract Plans.
8. Where replacement of existing fasteners is required, existing fasteners are to be removed thoroughly.

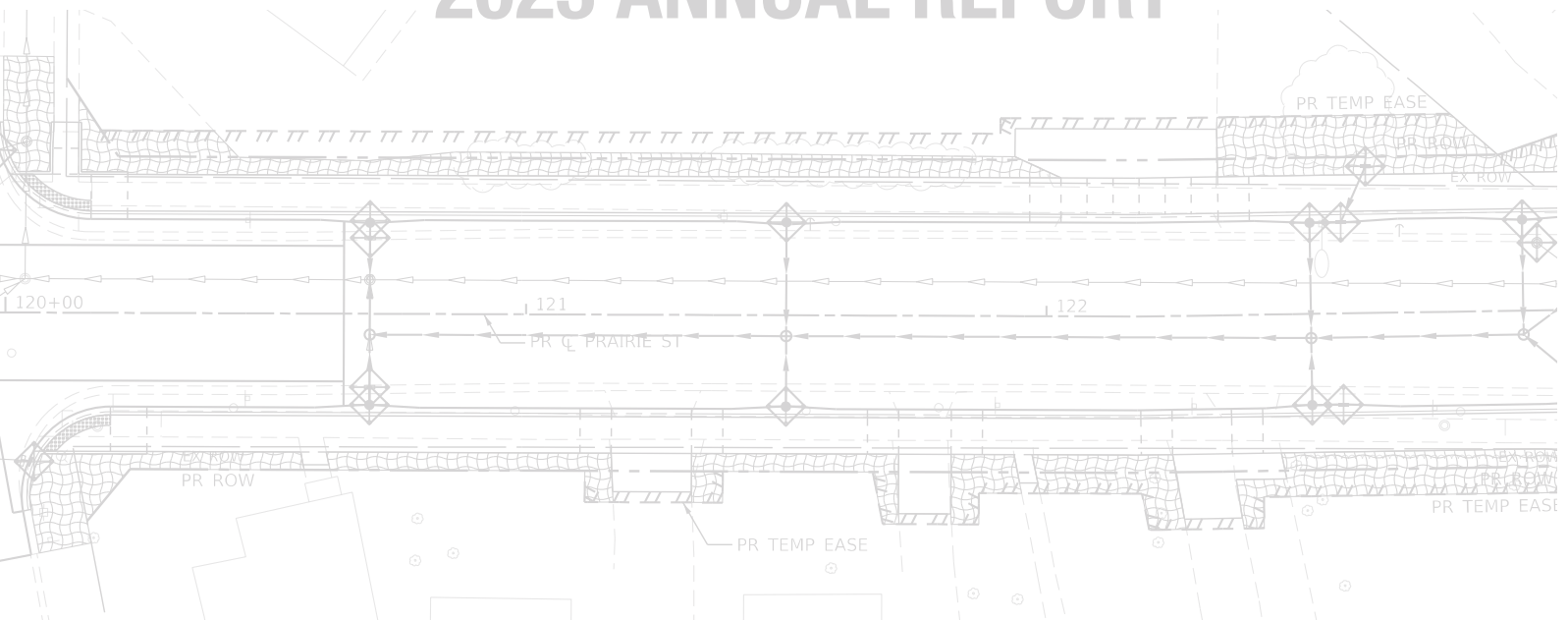


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## REMEMBERING TIM HARMS



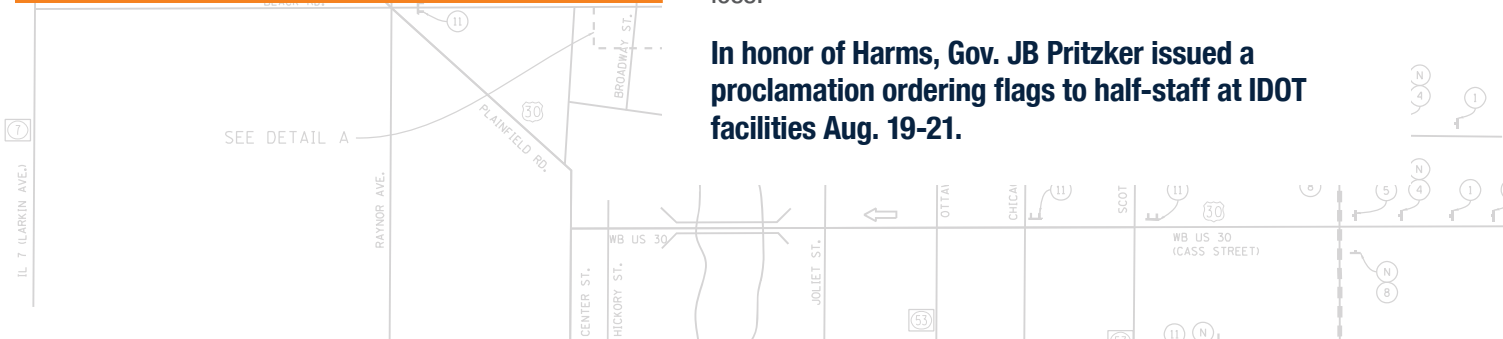
**Tim Harms**, a highway maintainer, was killed Aug. 15 while working at the Yorkville Maintenance Yard.

Harms had been with IDOT since 2013, first as a Snowbird before becoming a full-time highway maintainer in 2019. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. He also left an indelible impression on his colleagues.

“Tim ‘Junior’ Harms was a son, husband, father, coworker and a friend to many,” said Yorkville Maintenance Yard Operations Supervisor Adam Rue. “His mechanical knowledge and work ethic made him a valuable asset to our team at IDOT from the moment he was hired. Junior had a personality that was larger than life. He was able to change the mood of a room with his presence and his attitude alone. Everyone who met Junior knows that he enjoyed his job and loved to have fun while doing it. He is greatly missed by all of us at the Yorkville maintenance facility and by everyone who ever had the pleasure of interacting with him.”

Following this tragedy, IDOT dedicated Employee Assistance Program resources to assisting Harms’ colleagues and friends in coping with their devastating loss.

**In honor of Harms, Gov. JB Pritzker issued a proclamation ordering flags to half-staff at IDOT facilities Aug. 19-21.**

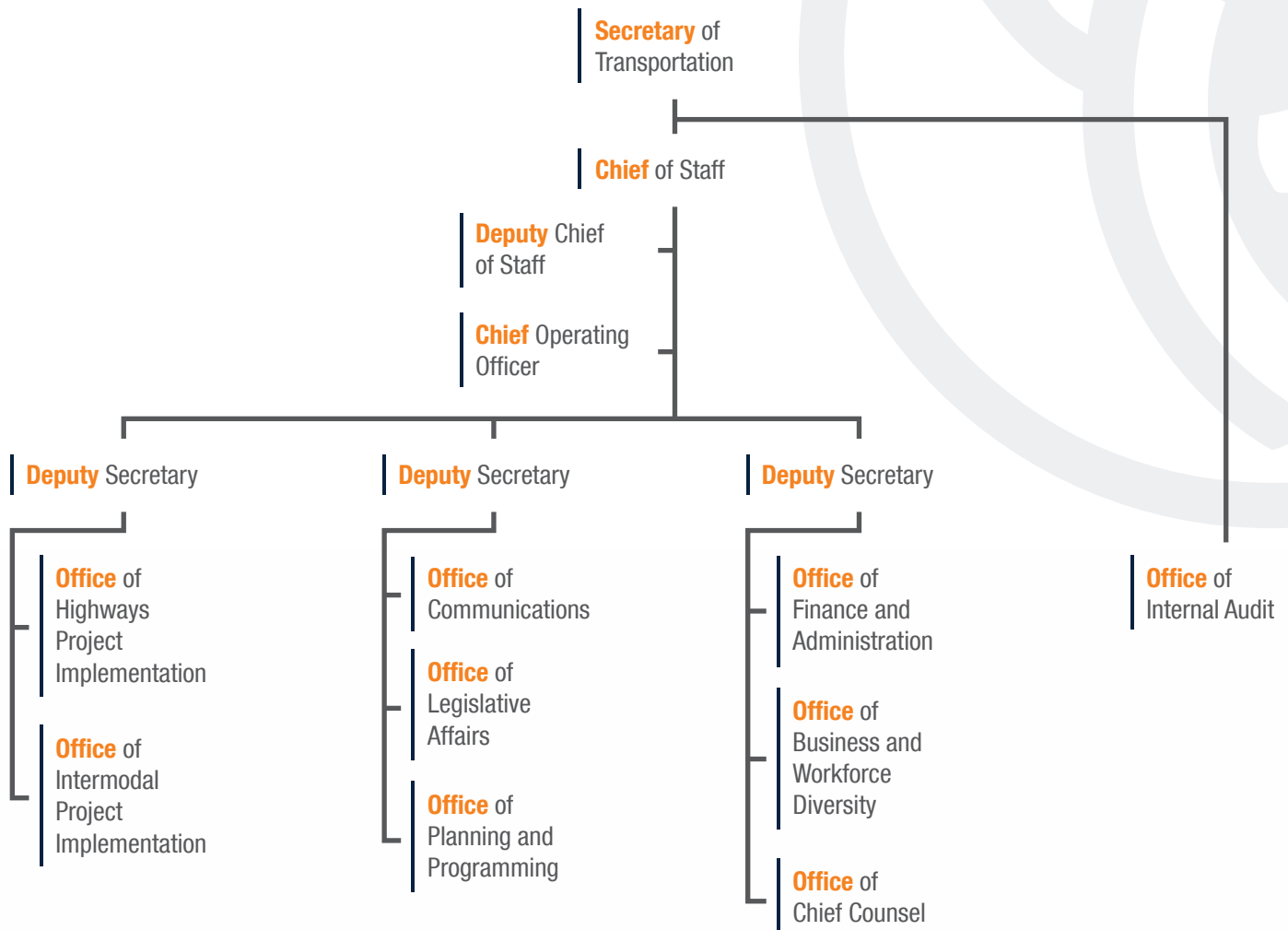


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# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



- Requirements.
- Field machine/hand dress all existing pinion areas to remove any burrs or raised areas



# LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY



**I am proud to look back on 2023, as we have made monumental progress in improving our state's infrastructure, and with that, enhancing quality of life and making transportation work better for everyone who traverses Illinois.**

In July, we released the 2024-29 Multi-Year Program, the largest in state history to the tune of \$41 billion and a long-awaited return to comprehensively addressing all modes of transportation.

Now in our fifth year of Gov. Pritzker's historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program, we reached \$13.6 billion in improvements to 5,569 miles of highway and 578 structures, as well as 862 safety improvements.

We saw continued progress on ongoing projects made possible by Rebuild Illinois.

As part of the \$1.3 billion reconstruction of Interstate 80 in Will County, completed in 2023 were the conversion of the Houbolt Road interchange into a diverging-diamond design and replacement of bridges at Shepley Road and Wheeler Avenue. Entering the upcoming construction season, an estimated \$385 million worth of projects just on I-80's mainline lanes will be underway on almost 12 miles of the corridor, signaling the start of a major new phase.

In Chicago, work wrapped up on the first year of the inbound Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) three-year, \$150 million rehabilitation project.

Illinois ushered in high-speed rail, completing track upgrades for increased speeds from 79 mph to 110 mph between Chicago and St. Louis. Downstate transit received nearly \$114 million to improve bus facilities in 32 transit systems. A \$5.4 million investment in the St. Louis Downtown Airport in St. Clair County will improve safety, reliability and efficiency while boosting airport business and global competitiveness. The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program awarded \$127.9 million for 72 projects that include biking and walking paths and streetscape beautification.

As always, we are focused on the people of IDOT. A career fair in Springfield was well attended and pushed us forward in our goal of recruiting and retaining top talent. Our commitment to diversifying our workforce and supporting small and disadvantaged business enterprises also accelerated this year. Likewise, we continue to find unacceptable the level of fatalities and serious injuries occurring on our roads. We are sharpening our focus in 2024 to get the number down to zero.

The work of improving our transportation system is endless. Beyond the tangible results, the intrinsic rewards are infinite as well. We'll never tire of feeling fulfilled by bettering mobility, interconnectivity, safety and quality of life for all.

**Omer Osman**

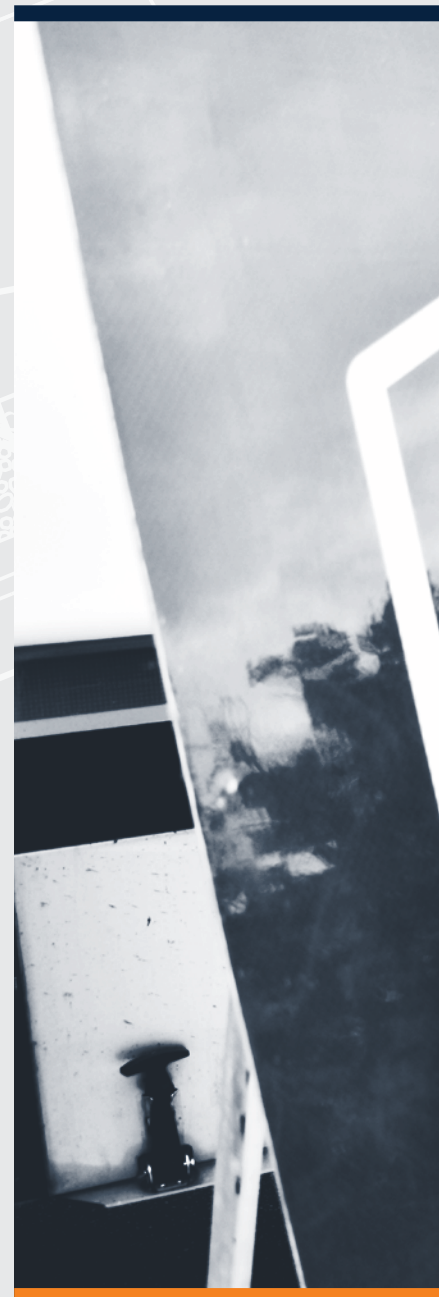
Secretary

Illinois Department of Transportation



# REBUILD ILLINOIS

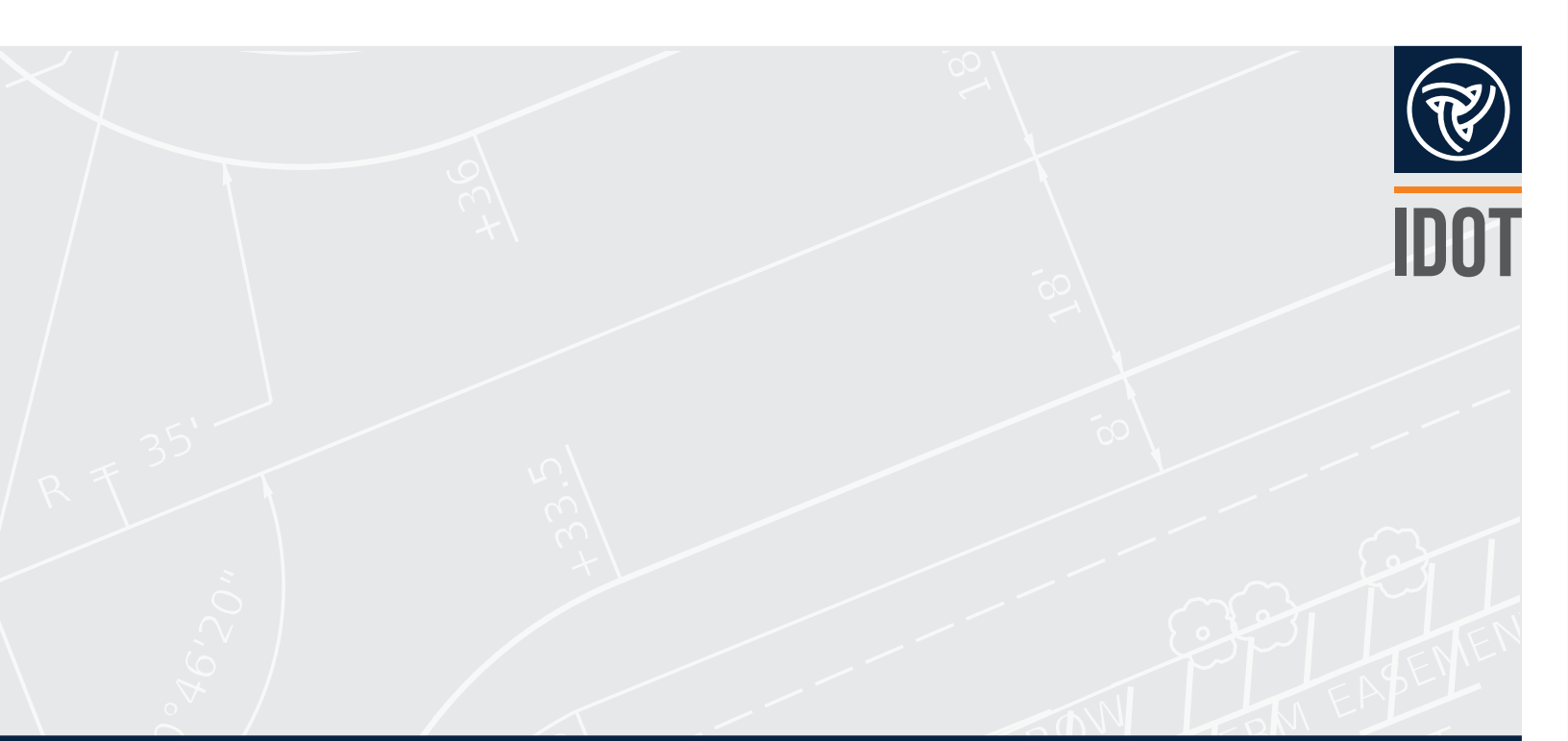
**Through Gov. Pritzker's** historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan, IDOT continued to make record investments in Illinois infrastructure, putting people to work, improving safety and enhancing quality of life throughout the state. Rebuild Illinois completed its fourth year in 2023, gaining momentum and shaping all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.







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## REVITALIZING PEORIA-AREA BRIDGES SPANNING THE ILLINOIS RIVER

The Bob Michel Bridge was the latest project of 2023 to revitalize multiple crossings of the Illinois River in the Peoria area as part of Rebuild Illinois. The project closed the Illinois 40 bridge for one construction season to condense the timeline, delivering safety and efficiency benefits to the public quickly and at a reduced cost. The \$24.6 million project included resurfacing, reconfiguring lanes and separating traffic and pedestrians with a concrete barrier to make it safer for all who share the bridge.

Lacon's Illinois 17 bridge rehabilitation wrapped up on Nov. 3. The \$11.3 million project consisted of bridge deck scarification, microsilica concrete overlay, pier protection repairs, structural steel repairs and strengthening, painting, road and navigational lighting, and bridge drainage improvements. The improvements will extend the lifespan of the bridge, originally built in

1939, for many years to come.

Ongoing is the \$167 million eastbound McClugage Bridge project, a modernized structure set to enhance the overall travel experience on U.S. 150. This project, twice as wide as its predecessor, includes adding a third lane and shoulders while accommodating bikes and pedestrians for increased safety and capacity. A recent major milestone involved the successful placement of the 7-million-pound arch section on Dec. 19, with the project anticipated to reopen in fall 2024, promising improved traffic flow and accessibility.

The ongoing revitalization of Peoria's bridges demonstrates a commitment to enhanced safety, efficiency and future-ready infrastructure. These accomplishments underscore the positive impact on the region's long-term development.





## I-57 IMPROVEMENTS IN CHICAGO AND SOUTH SUBURBS

In late 2023, several major projects totaling \$82.1 million along Interstate 57 were completed. The improvements are part of Rebuild Illinois. Nearly 20 miles of I-57 were patched and resurfaced, while two bridges were repaired along a commercial and residential corridor connecting multiple communities on Chicago’s South Side through the south suburbs.

Beginning in early 2022, I-57 was patched and resurfaced from Steger Road to West County Line Road and from I-294 to Halsted Street, including ramps, rest areas and weigh stations. Large, overhead signs were also replaced. At rest areas, ADA-compliant

sidewalk ramps were added, and upgrades were made to weigh-in-motion scale and Bluetooth sensors, improving trucking and freight activity. The bridges over the Canadian National railroad and I-80 received new deck overlays, with structural steel repairs to both structures.

An estimated 140,000 vehicles pass through these areas each day, making I-57 a crucial artery for commuter and freight travel in the region. These improvements are helping improve safety, enhancing quality of life and modernizing one of the state’s key assets.

## NEW REBUILD ILLINOIS DASHBOARD

In March, IDOT launched an online dashboard that offers up-to-date cumulative data on its accomplishments in improving roads and bridges since the 2019 passage of Gov. Pritzker’s Rebuild Illinois capital program. The public can find information on:

- ❑ Number of projects awarded.
- ❑ Miles and bridges improved.
- ❑ Safety improvements completed.
- ❑ Total amount of investment made possible by Rebuild Illinois.

Reviewable by year or fiscal year quarter, the data shows the impact of the program on roads and bridges under IDOT’s jurisdiction. Accomplishments on the local system overseen by counties, municipalities and

townships are also available.

The dashboard is updated on a quarterly basis, adding accomplishments as the year progresses. It’s a simple, effective way to maintain transparency and share the details of this transformational capital program.

To access the dashboard visit [idot.click/rbi-accomplishments](https://idot.click/rbi-accomplishments).





## I-270 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE WORK CONTINUES

Construction on the Interstate 270 Mississippi River Bridge began in 2022 and was celebrated at an event with Gov. Pritzker in June, laying the foundation of the new twin bridges. Work is progressing on a new westbound lane and shoulder, a shoulder associated with the eastbound lanes, and the placement of several pier caps on the eastbound structure. IDOT's goal is to keep four lanes of traffic open to the public during all stages of construction.

Due to open in late 2026, the new bridges, one on the same alignment as the existing Chain of Rocks bridge and one directly south of the existing Chain of Rocks bridge, will provide inside and outside shoulders wide enough to accommodate a stalled vehicle or emergency responders.

The new I-270 Chain of Rocks Bridge construction and related improvements were funded through a shared \$532 million investment by IDOT and the Missouri Department of Transportation. Courtesy of Rebuild Illinois, IDOT has identified \$75 million for an additional lane between the river and just east of St. Thomas Road. This project includes the reconstruction of the Illinois 3 interchange.

In addition to new shoulders, the bridges will be wide enough to accommodate a future expansion of I-270. While I-270 is currently four lanes, IDOT conducted a study to potentially widen it to six lanes from Missouri to Illinois 157.

The new bridges will improve reliability and safety for motorists, linking Madison County with St. Louis.





## REBUILDING KANKAKEE: I-57, LOCAL ROADS RECEIVE UPGRADES

As Interstate 57 receives much-needed upgrades in Kankakee, construction in 2023 touched every corner of this community – including Bradley and Bourbonnais.

Two ongoing projects on Armour Road — a major east-west thoroughfare connecting to retail, lodging, schools and residences — will improve congestion near CSL Behring, Kankakee County’s largest employer. Work is being done on the second half of a \$5.9 million bridge replacement over the Canadian National Railroad in Bourbonnais.

A \$13.8 million reconstruction of the intersection of Armour Road and Illinois 50 will add dedicated turn lanes, new storm sewers, an updated biking and walking path, sidewalks, new curbs and gutters, improved lighting, modernized traffic signals, and landscaping. The project will improve access from

Armour Road to Pharmaceutical Drive/Arthur Burch Drive, an access point for the CSL Behring factory on the intersection’s southwest corner, by replacing a four-way stop with a traffic signal.

The Armour Road projects are two of many road and bridge improvements in the region made possible by Rebuild Illinois. A \$23.5 million replacement of the I-57 bridges over Grinnell Road and the Norfolk Southern Railroad in Kankakee is entering the second phase, with work focusing on the southbound spans. Completed projects in 2023 include an \$11.3 million replacement of the Maple Street/Waldron Road bridge over I-57, resurfacing of Illinois 115 (Jeffrey Street) from Washington Avenue to Gar Creek in Kankakee and resurfacing of Illinois 102 from Bourbonnais to the Will County line.

## REBUILD ILLINOIS INVESTMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### INVESTMENT



**\$13.6B**  
INVESTED OVER  
SIX YEARS

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 5,659 MILES** IMPROVED
- 578 STRUCTURES** IMPROVED
- 862 SAFETY** IMPROVEMENTS



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## I-280 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE WORK WRAPS UP IN THE ILLINOIS QUAD CITIES

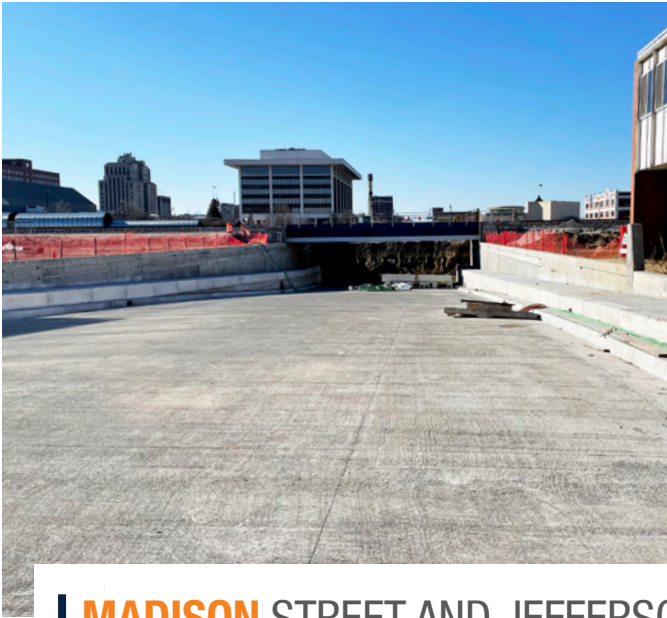
A multi-year project on the Interstate 280 Sgt. John F. Baker Jr. Mississippi River Bridge in Rock Island County wrapped in 2023. The core of the work replaced the bridge deck, the first replacement since its opening in 1973.

The Baker Bridge carries more than 28,000 vehicles a day, almost 20% of which are trucks, between Illinois, Iowa and points east and west. Illinois and Iowa split the \$37.6 million cost of the project, which included bridge painting. Illinois dedicated an additional \$28 million for the project, which included patching and resurfacing from the bridge to past the Milan Beltway, including the Illinois 92 interchange.

The combined projects represent a \$65.7 million investment in I-280 and improved more than 6.5 miles of highway through the Illinois communities of Coal Valley, Moline, Milan and Rock Island. The interstate also serves the Quad City International Airport, which is estimated to generate almost \$650 million in economic impact annually and supports nearly 4,400 jobs, according to an IDOT analysis of the state's airports.

Also completed in 2023 in the Illinois Quad Cities were the \$7 million patching and resurfacing of Illinois 5 (John Deere Road) in Moline between 16th and 35th streets and a \$1.3 million project to patch and resurface Illinois 92 from Turkey Hollow Road to Illinois 192.





## MADISON STREET AND JEFFERSON STREET UNDERPASSES NEXT PHASE FOR SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Springfield Rail Improvements Project hit another milestone in 2023 with the start of construction on new underpasses at Madison and Jefferson streets.

The \$68.3 million project is lowering Madison and Jefferson streets between Ninth and 11th streets and building new railroad bridges to create a set of double tracks for the existing Norfolk Southern Railroad and proposed Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak lines. Completion of the project is expected in summer 2024.

Madison and Jefferson streets carry a combined 20,000 vehicles a day, serving as a critical link for police, firefighters and two nearby hospitals. By separating railroad tracks from regular vehicle traffic, the underpasses will reduce congestion and delays, improve safety, provide better access for bicyclists and

pedestrians, reduce emergency response times and enhance quality of life.

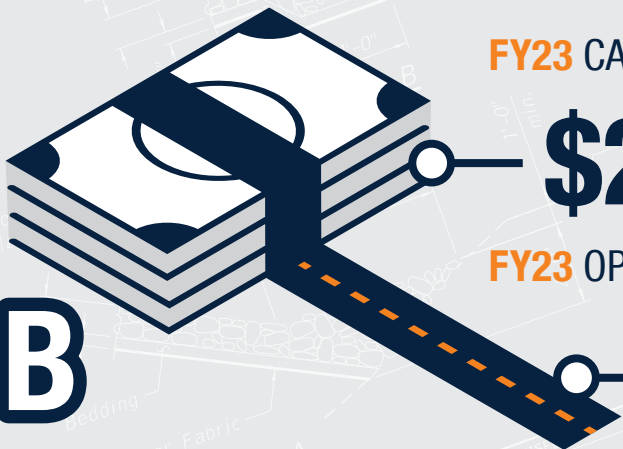
Funding for the project in the amount of \$13.5 million comes from the Federal Railroad Administration, \$30.9 million from the Illinois Commerce Commission and \$23.9 million from IDOT, including \$7.4 million through Rebuild Illinois.

A cooperative venture of IDOT, Sangamon County and the city of Springfield, the \$475 million Springfield Rail Improvements Project is streamlining railroad operations and reducing the impact of train traffic on the surrounding community by relocating all passenger and freight traffic from the Third Street corridor to the 10th Street and 19th Street corridors.

### IDOT BUDGET

FY23 TOTAL BUDGET

**\$31.3B**



FY23 CAPITAL BUDGET

**\$27.4B**

FY23 OPERATING BUDGET

**\$3.9B**



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## KEY MILESTONES REACHED ON I-80 CORRIDOR PROJECT

IDOT celebrated several milestones on the \$1.3 billion Interstate 80 project. This project is one of the cornerstones of Rebuild Illinois. A few of the milestones reached include a new diverging diamond interchange at Houbolt Road and new bridges at Shepley Road and Wheeler Avenue. Similar improvements to the Briggs Street bridge are ongoing and will finish in late 2024, with construction starting on the River Road bridge this winter.

Beginning next spring, 12 miles of mainline work will

begin between Ridge Road and Center Street and from Rowell Avenue to U.S. 30. Once those improvements are complete, the final pieces on I-80 will begin: the Center Street and Chicago Street interchanges as well as new bridges over the Des Plaines River.

The reconstruction of I-80 is replacing 50-year-old infrastructure. The project is not only improving safety and adding capacity, it's also building new connections across the interstate.







## FAYETTE AVENUE IN EFFINGHAM GETS UPGRADE

Connecting Interstate 70 through downtown Effingham and continuing just past Illinois 33, the new and improved Fayette Avenue will help reduce congestion along a busy commercial corridor, increase transportation options for residents and enhance local quality of life.

The first phase of the two-phase project consists of widening the existing four lanes of Fayette Avenue (U.S. 40/Illinois 33) from Illini Drive to Walnut Street and adding a middle turn lane from Henrietta Street to Walnut Street. Additional elements include upgrading storm sewers, constructing a multiuse path, adding ADA-compliant sidewalks, modernizing traffic signals and installing new lighting. The second phase of the

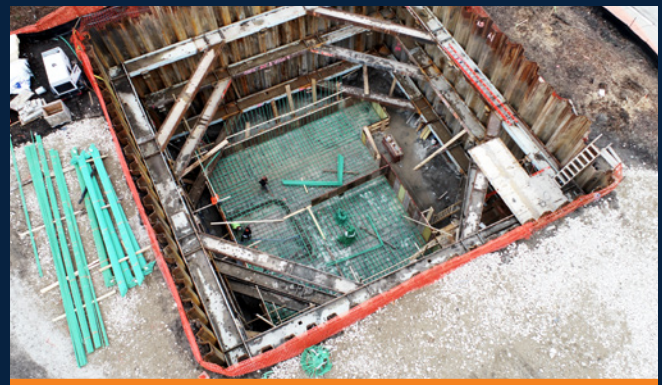
project will continue the improvements by increasing lane widths and adding a pedestrian path from Banker Street to Long Street.

Construction began on May 30, with the first phase focusing on the new eastbound right lane from Raney Street to Walnut Street just before the Canadian National Railroad underpass. Construction of this first phase will carry over through 2024.

Planning for the \$66 million project started in 2006, with design approval reached in 2012. The project will improve traffic flow for the approximately 19,000 vehicles that use Fayette Avenue daily, while addressing access and safety for multiple modes of transportation.

## COMPLETION OF NEW PUMP STATION WITH DRAINAGE UPGRADES IN LAKE FOREST

In late 2023, IDOT completed a new pump station along with drainage upgrades in Lake County. The \$18.3 million project includes reconstruction of the existing pump station and other safety upgrades at Deerpath Road and Skokie Highway (U.S. 41), an area long plagued with flooding issues. With the construction of two new detention ponds, storm sewers and an upgraded pump station, the prior flooding issues will be alleviated, allowing for safer travel and enhanced mobility throughout the Lake County area.





## REBUILDING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS: I-57 AND I-24

The modernization of Interstate 24 and Interstate 57 in Southern Illinois is connecting communities and building an accessible and equitable transportation system for generations to come.

With more than a year of construction already on the books, progress on I-57 at mileposts 66-75 in Franklin County has remained steady. Work includes expanding to six lanes and replacing bridges over the Big Muddy River. The \$67.6 million project will be wrapped up in 2025.

In addition to providing congestion relief in Franklin County, two other completed projects in 2023 included

the \$17.9 million I-24 resurfacing and bridge repairs at mileposts 13-23 in Johnson County and the I-57 \$16.2 million structure replacement at the Dix interchange and the Norfolk Southern Railroad in Jefferson County.

The total investment to modernize and improve I-24 and I-57 in Southern Illinois is more than \$390 million, made possible by Rebuild Illinois. The I-57 project focuses on widening 29 miles to three lanes in each direction and resurfacing 35 miles of I-24. These major interstate projects will improve safety and mobility while sustaining and creating good-paying jobs throughout the region.





## ROCKFORD'S SOUTH ALPINE ROAD RECEIVES A SMOOTH UPDATE IN 2023

South Alpine Road, one of Rockford's busiest roads, received much-needed maintenance last spring thanks to Rebuild Illinois. The \$1.5 million project is part of a larger commitment by IDOT to work with the city to find a long-term solution to improve mobility, enhance safety and provide biking, transit and pedestrian accommodations through the entire South Alpine corridor.

South Alpine Road is an unmarked state route between U.S. 20 and Charles Street. Resurfacing of the segment from Harrison Avenue to Charles Street, measuring just under a mile, provides a safer, smoother driving experience. Previous improvements included a traffic signal replacement at the intersection of Cleveland

Avenue and Florida Drive in 2021 and resurfacing from Harrison Avenue to Sandy Hollow Road in 2014.

IDOT and the city of Rockford are teaming up to allow the city use of state funds for engineering efforts to reconstruct and modernize the South Alpine Road corridor. The city will serve as the lead agency in the effort to determine the full scope of improvements, with IDOT providing funding through construction. At the conclusion of the project, the city will accept a jurisdictional transfer of Alpine Road from the state.

The cost of preliminary engineering for the project has been identified in IDOT's multi-year program for roads and bridges at \$5 million.

## HIGHWAY MILES UNDER STATE JURISDICTION

15,905



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# MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM

**In July, Gov. Pritzker unveiled** the largest multi-year construction program in state history, a \$40.9 billion blueprint to fix and modernize infrastructure over six years. It is the fourth multi-year program that reflects the impact of Rebuild Illinois and continues the comprehensive approach undertaken by IDOT under the governor to invest in all modes of transportation.





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## NEW MYP LARGEST-EVER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN STATE HISTORY

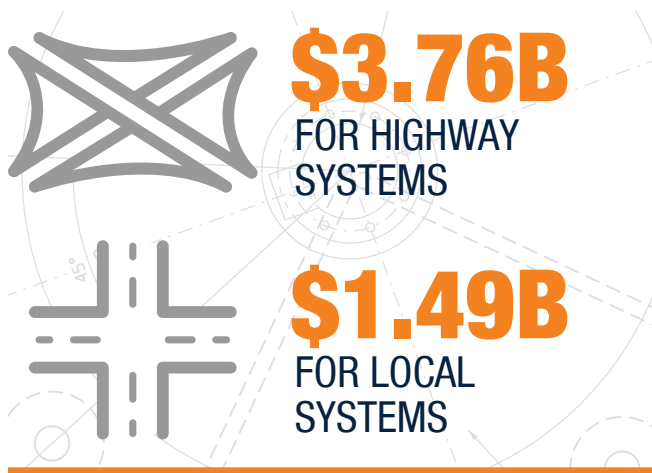
In July, Gov. Pritzker joined state and local officials to announce the largest multi-year program to fix and repair infrastructure in state history: \$40.99 billion over six years, showcasing the reach and impact of the governor's historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program. The new multi-year program is the first time in more than a decade that IDOT is releasing a comprehensive approach to invest in all modes of transportation: roads and bridges, aviation, transit, freight and passenger rail, waterways, as well as bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

The Fiscal Year 2024-29 Proposed Highway and Multimodal Improvement Program aims to invest

\$27.03 billion in roads and bridges, with \$4.6 billion identified for the first fiscal year. A total of \$13.96 billion is programmed for other modes, including \$9.85 billion for transit, \$2.67 billion for freight and passenger rail, \$1.25 billion for aviation and \$190 million for ports and waterways. Projects are spread out across state and local systems, touching each of the 102 counties in Illinois.

On the highways side, the program will improve 3,006 miles of roads and just over 9.8 million square feet of bridge deck on the state system, with anticipated funding maintaining 738 miles of roads and 1.1 million square feet of bridge deck for infrastructure overseen

### FY24 STATE PROGRAM



### FY24 IMPROVEMENTS





by local governments. Overall, the program will increase investment in Illinois roads and bridges by \$2.43 billion over six years.

In addition, a total of 16 potential projects anticipated to cost \$474.5 million have been identified for nontraditional delivery methods.

## THE MYP HELPS IDOT MEET OUR KEY PILLARS OF SUCCESS



### ECONOMY



### LIVABILITY



### MOBILITY



### RESILIENCY



### STEWARDSHIP

## FY24 CORE WORK CATEGORIES

### SYSTEM SUPPORT -

**13.93%**

*Misc. projects, maintenance, statewide engineering*

### SYSTEM EXPANSION -

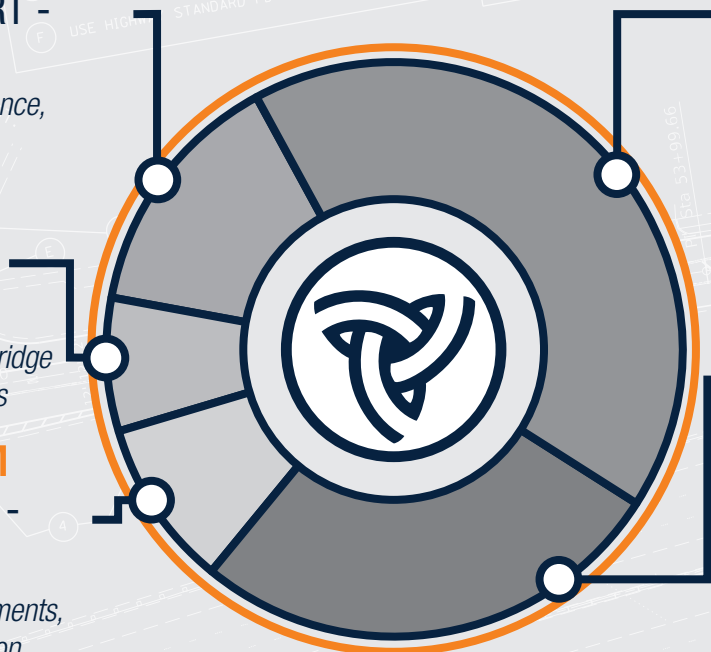
**7.67%**

*Major projects, road & bridge replacements/expansions*

### SAFETY/SYSTEM MODERNIZATION -

**9.4%**

*Traffic & safety improvements, interchange reconstruction*



### BRIDGE

### MAINTENANCE -

**42.13%**

*Rehabilitation and replacement, minor structure repairs and preservation*

### ROADWAY

### MAINTENANCE -

**26.87%**

*Reconstruction, resurfacing, widening and preservation*



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# MULTIMODAL

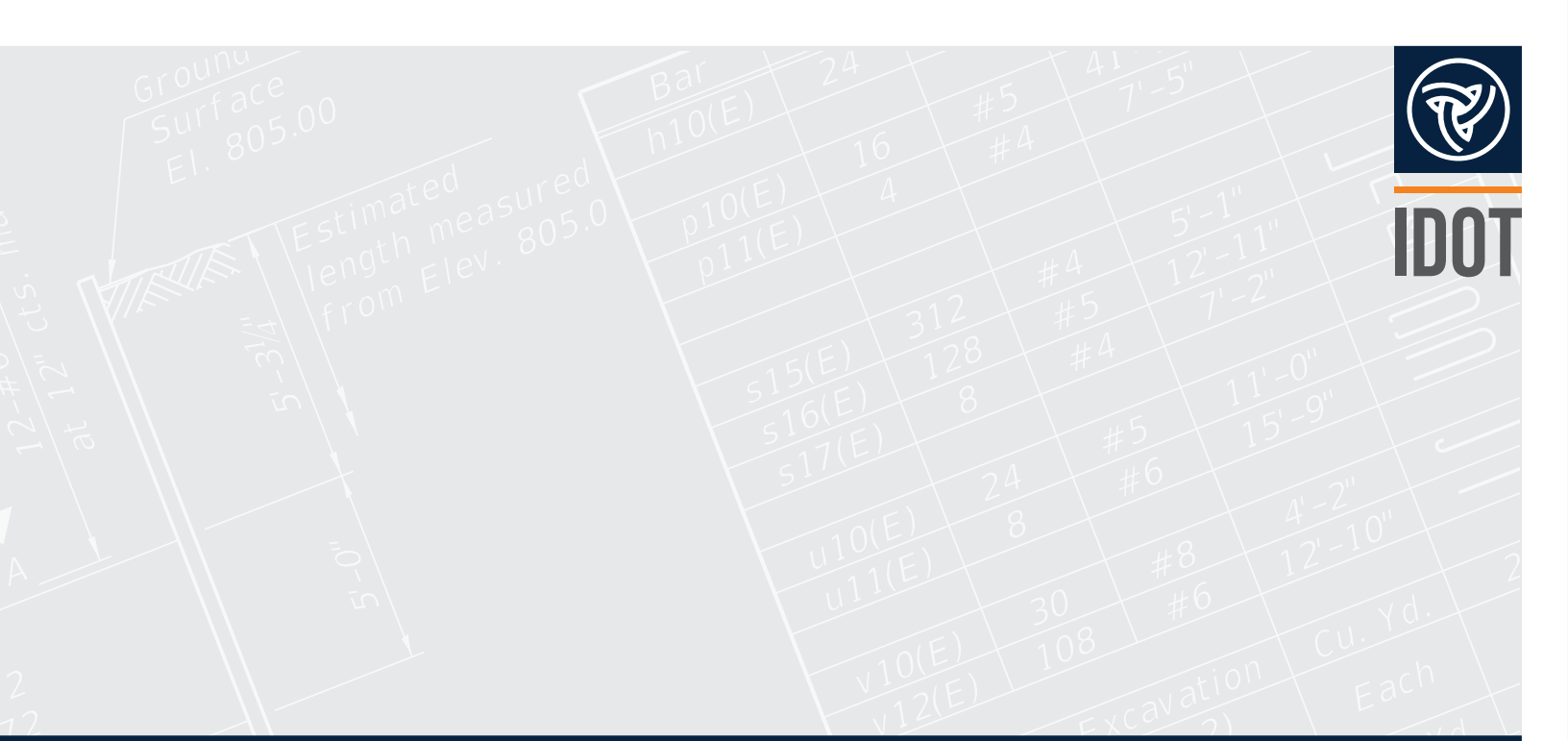
**Transportation is more than roads and bridges – it's all the ways we move people and goods across the state. Our emphasis on a truly multimodal system and our expanded focus on all the ways it can improve quality of life were on display in 2023.**







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## AMTRAK LINCOLN SERVICE INCREASES SPEED TO 110 MPH

In June, Gov. Pritzker and IDOT announced schedule changes for Amtrak's Lincoln Service trains following the successful implementation of the Chicago-to-St. Louis high-speed rail project and enabling passenger service to reach 110 mph. Beginning on June 26, the changes eliminated approximately 15 minutes from existing 90 mph runtimes and 30 minutes from the initial 79 mph schedule.

In addition to increasing speeds, the \$1.96 billion project has boosted reliability and safety while providing upgraded and new stations.

The project also provided major safety upgrades at 212 grade crossings by installing four-quadrant gates and loop detectors to help prevent collisions with vehicles on the tracks. Pedestrian gates and fencing were installed to prevent pedestrian accidents. Thirty-nine crossings deemed at-risk were permanently closed.

In conjunction with its partner communities, IDOT opened new stations in Dwight, Pontiac, Carlinville and Alton, renovated the Lincoln station, improved the existing Normal station and made upgrades to the Springfield station. A separate project to build a new multimodal station in Joliet was completed in 2018, with a second phase starting in 2021. The facilities provide a better customer experience and amenities, such as free Wi-Fi and connections to bicycle and

pedestrian facilities. The new and improved stations act as gateways to their communities, inviting tourism and providing additional travel options for the public.

The final component of the project is the acquisition of new rolling stock to be used on Lincoln Service trains and other Midwest routes. Thirty-three new locomotives have been in service since late 2017. Illinois is also part of a consortium of states working with the Federal Railroad Administration and California to procure 88 new single-level railcars for use throughout Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin and Michigan. More than 50 of the cars are currently in revenue service on Amtrak Midwest routes.

Funding for the project includes \$1.66 billion in federal funding, primarily through an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant awarded in 2010, as well as \$300 million in state and non-federal funds. The project broke ground in 2010 with major infrastructure improvements completed in 2018. From 2019 to 2023, IDOT has worked with project partners the Federal Railroad Administration, Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak to install and test a Positive Train Control system that allows passenger trains to increase their speed first to 90 mph and now 110 mph.





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# RIDERSHIP ON STATE-SUPPORTED AMTRAK ROUTES (THROUGH NOV. 2023)

- **LINCOLN SERVICE** (CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS) ..... 501,971
- **ILLINOIS ZEPHYR/CARL SANDBURG** (CHICAGO TO QUINCY) ..... 112,249
- **ILLINI/SALUKI** (CHICAGO TO CARBONDALE) ..... 263,425
- **HIAWATHA** (CHICAGO TO MILWAUKEE) ..... 595,532

**TOTAL** IN 2022 ..... **1,473,177**



# 70

**VENTURE COACH CARS** IN REVENUE SERVICE ON ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN AND MISSOURI ROUTES

# 110 mph

**HIGH-SPEED RAIL** MAXIMUM SPEED ON CHICAGO-TO-ST. LOUIS CORRIDOR

## GOV. PRITZKER CELEBRATES IMPROVEMENTS TO ST. LOUIS DOWNTOWN AIRPORT



In April, Gov. Pritzker celebrated a \$5.4 million investment in airfield improvements at the St. Louis Downtown Airport that improve safety, reliability and efficiency while boosting airport business and global competitiveness.

“These facilities will not only improve cost effectiveness, but they will also enhance St. Louis Downtown Airport’s capacity to serve passengers from Illinois and across the globe,” said Gov. Pritzker.

Improvements are highlighted by a ground run-up

and compass calibration pad that include new airfield pavement with jet blast deflectors. The addition will accommodate more than 500 yearly aircraft maintenance tests that require the operation of engines at high power on the ground for several minutes. The engine run-up will be isolated from airfield operations, reducing noise levels by more than 50% and accommodating the airport’s largest aircraft.

The project was funded through a \$5 million Rebuild Illinois grant, with a local contribution of \$400,000.

“Aviation is a vital part of our state’s economy and the multimodal system that makes us the transportation hub of North America. St. Louis Downtown Airport is a key part of that system, one we’re proud to invest in,” said Secretary Osman.

Located in St. Clair County, St. Louis Downtown Airport is one of the busiest general aviation airports in Illinois outside of the Chicago area. The airport is a significant driver of local and state economies, contributing more than \$422 million in economic impact for the region annually.





## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CREATE

The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program celebrated 20 years as a task force in 2023. Originally convened by the federal Surface Transportation Board to solve the Chicago region's urgent rail capacity needs, the CREATE Program has aimed to improve rail for the 500 freight trains as well as 800 passenger and commuter trains traversing the area each day. Over multiple decades, IDOT has helped to oversee all activities of the program to ensure its success.

Major milestones for the program in 2023 included construction of the Forest Hill Flyover on the South Side of Chicago. The rail flyover will eliminate the most

congested rail chokepoint in the Chicago Terminal, where 30 Metra and 90 freight trains cross each other's paths daily.

Outreach was another major focus of CREATE partners in 2023. The CREATE program hosted two "Get on Board" events, where local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and other minority- and women-owned businesses had the opportunity to network with rail-industry contractors specializing in engineering, design and construction. Both events brought in a total of 400 participants who networked with 86 exhibitors, including IDOT's Highway Construction Careers Training Program.



## \$127.9 MILLION AWARDED FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS



The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program is an important part of our statewide improvement plans designed to support alternate modes of transportation, preserve visual and cultural resources, and enhance quality of life in communities. That's why almost \$128 million, the largest allotment of ITEP funding ever, was earmarked to build better and safer bike routes, walking paths and trails and to improve other local travel options.

The awards were announced by Gov. Pritzker in Chicago, where the Chicago Department of Transportation received \$3 million for the Englewood Line Trail project, which is converting an abandoned rail corridor into a walking and biking path on the city's South Side.

More than 70 projects receiving ITEP funding include paths, trails, streetscape beautification, and others that encourage safe travel across various modes of transportation at the local level. More than 75% of these projects are in communities that best demonstrated financial need. For a list of recipients, visit [idot.click/itep](https://idot.click/itep).

ITEP is putting dollars to work in communities that need them most, investing in infrastructure and increasing travel options to make Illinois a safer and more enjoyable place to live and thrive.

## \$114 MILLION IN DOWNSTATE TRANSIT

In January, Gov. Pritzker and IDOT announced the awarding of \$113.8 million to downstate transit providers as part of Rebuild Illinois. The funding brings the total investment in downstate transit via competitive grants to \$337.8 million.

More than 30 urban and rural downstate transit partners received grants to increase transportation options and create jobs across downstate Illinois. The awards support projects that include the purchase of new vehicles as well as the construction of bus shelters, stations and maintenance facilities that expand and improve service. The projects provide more transportation options in downstate communities and promote an enhanced quality of life.

A total of 32 transit systems are receiving \$113.8 million to advance 44 projects, including:

- St. Clair County Transit District, \$10.8 million for the electrification of transit vehicles with supporting charging stations.
- Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, \$7.2 million for hybrid bus replacement.

- Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District, \$6 million to replace six buses with zero emission buses.
- Sangamon Mass Transit District, \$6.9 million for a secondary transfer center.
- Coles County, \$70,000 for new bus passenger shelters.
- City of Macomb and McDonough County Public Transportation, \$2 million for new buses.

A full list of recipients can be viewed by visiting IDOT's [Public Transportation Providers page](#).





## GROUNDBREAKING AT EMERSON PARK PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY IN EAST ST. LOUIS

In January, IDOT joined the St. Clair County Transit District to break ground on a new public safety facility at Emerson Park in East St. Louis, a project made possible by a \$10 million grant from Rebuild Illinois.

The two-story, 16,000-square-foot facility will modernize operations and house the St. Clair County CENCOM West 911 dispatch, the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department Metrolink Detail, Metro Transit's Transit Control Center, and health and human services to offer assistance with mental health issues and homelessness. The building will also have amenities,

including restrooms.

"Through the governor's capital program, IDOT is providing more than \$337 million in grants for projects that stood out as the best ideas we received," said Secretary Osman. "This new facility will stand out for years to come as a smart investment."

The facility, which is expected to be completed in 2024, will help to bolster communications and security to better serve the needs of riders in East St. Louis and the entire Metro East area.





## CHICAGO-ROCKFORD PASSENGER RAIL

In July, Gov. Pritzker announced a partnership between IDOT and Metra to provide safe and reliable passenger rail between Chicago and Rockford. The project is funded through \$275 million from Rebuild Illinois.

To return passenger trains between Chicago and Rockford after more than 40 years, Metra will utilize its Milwaukee District West line and relationships with the Union Pacific Railroad to extend service beyond Elgin to reach Rockford, with expected stops in Huntley and Belvidere. Other project components include improved grade crossings, upgraded bridges and double-tracking at various locations. Stations also will be built in Huntley and Belvidere.

With these improvements, travel time is anticipated to be slightly less than two hours between the two cities, with two round trips per day planned. Boarding locations in Chicago and Rockford, as well as a fare structure and schedule, are still to be determined. The first trains are anticipated to start running by late 2027, offering efficient, economical travel with stops in between the two cities.

In addition, IDOT held a series of briefings for local officials and public meetings in September to present information regarding the project and its progress. Those meetings were held in Rockford, Belvidere, Huntley and Elgin. More information about the project can be found at [chicagotorockfordrail.org](http://chicagotorockfordrail.org).

## NUMBER OF TRANSIT SYSTEMS IN ILLINOIS

58



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# SAFETY

**Keeping people safe as they move through their daily lives is a chief priority of our work. Through raising awareness, assisting motorists and facilitating other critical programs, we are reducing risks and cultivating a transportation system that is centered on the people who rely upon it.**







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## SECRETARY BUTTIGIEG AND OTHER FEDERAL DIGNITARIES VISIT ILLINOIS

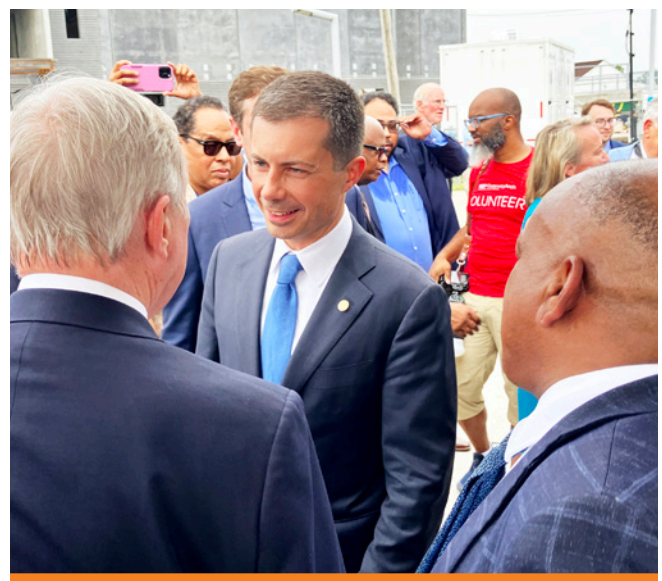
U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg joined IDOT and other federal and local officials in July to announce more than \$22 million in funding for a long-awaited major railroad project in Champaign County.

The project will build a new railroad bridge over Curtis Road in Savoy to eliminate traffic backups as well as improve active transportation accommodations and transit access. Engineering already is underway, and construction is expected to begin in 2025.

In September, IDOT hosted FHWA Administrator Shailen

Bhatt in Chicago to discuss several large projects that are key to the region.

The tour included the newly reconstructed Jane Byrne Interchange, the massive new pump station along the Eisenhower Expressway and Union Station, which is the centerpiece of the Chicago Hub Improvement Program. Former U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood also participated in roundtable discussions about CHIP as well as CREATE, a project to untangle the region's complex rail network that will improve mobility of freight and reduce congestion throughout the nation.



## VULNERABLE ROAD USER SAFETY ASSESSMENT RELEASED

As part of Illinois' federally mandated Strategic Highway Safety Plan, IDOT conducted a Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment to develop a data-driven process to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries to people who walk, bike, roll and work on Illinois roads, especially those in historically underserved communities.

The process identified safety trends, policies, rules and procedures regarding safe travel by vulnerable users as well as methods to implement and improve them. IDOT compiled and analyzed safety data to understand system needs to increase overall safety of vulnerable road users.

The foundation of the assessment is the Safe System Approach, developed by the Federal Highway Administration, to address transportation safety. The SSA focuses on six points: that deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable, humans make mistakes, humans are vulnerable, responsibility is shared, safety is proactive and redundancy is crucial.

IDOT held a series of webinars to educate stakeholders on the SSA and developed an interactive mapping tool for stakeholders to identify safety issues and areas where safety improvements could be made.

In this data collection process, more than half of areas with safety issues and/or high potential for improvements were found in underserved communities, highlighting long-term safety shortcomings in those areas and the need for equity in the overall push for greater safety.



## IDOT, CDOT AGREEMENT TO STREAMLINE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

To streamline and accelerate the process of delivering safety measures on local roads and state routes within the city of Chicago, IDOT and the Chicago Department of Transportation have come to a new agreement. The [Memorandum of Understanding](#) establishes preapproval of certain infrastructure designs related to Chicago's urban street context to improve safety for people walking, biking and driving.

The improved collaboration between IDOT and CDOT ultimately will help simplify the approval and delivery process for implementing proven safety countermeasures to help address the trend of rising traffic fatalities in Chicago, particularly among bicyclists and pedestrians.

The MOU establishes:

- A standardized list of traffic safety infrastructure designs routinely submitted by CDOT that will not require comprehensive IDOT review prior to installation.
- Clarified "Design Vehicle" standards to emphasize pedestrian safety at intersections. A design vehicle is the largest vehicle that is likely to use the facility with considerable frequency, and its selection can significantly impact a road's design and geometry.
- An IDOT-CDOT working group to help formulate future agreements and enhance existing interagency collaboration.

The MOU applies to the approximately 400 miles of road under state jurisdiction in Chicago, including some of the most heavily traveled streets in the city.



## WORK ZONE SAFETY WEEK 2023

In 2023, National Work Zone Awareness Week emphasized the crucial role each individual plays in ensuring work zone safety with the theme “You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us.” Gov. Pritzker declared April 17-21 as Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Illinois, strategically aligning with a significant year in construction.

To amplify this initiative, IDOT collaborated with the Illinois State Police, Illinois Tollway, industry partners and frontline construction workers throughout the state. Through coordinated awareness media events, they conveyed essential reminders to motorists: eliminate distractions, reduce speed and proceed with caution when approaching work zones. Public preparedness for lane closures, traffic pattern changes, reduced speed limits, and the presence of workers and equipment was emphasized.

Internally, IDOT reinforced work zone protocols by promoting “tailgate talks” among staff, providing valuable refreshers for workers.

Work zone safety also takes center stage in IDOT’s innovative video-game themed campaign, “It’s Not a Game,” targeting drivers aged 18-34. This humorous yet impactful campaign highlights the absence of extra lives, respawns or second chances when it comes to road safety.

With an integrated approach, the campaign utilizes various marketing channels to spread its message effectively. The ultimate goal is unwavering: zero fatalities in work zones. IDOT remains committed to annual efforts to achieve this objective and make our roads safer for everyone.



# IT'S NOT A GAME



## IT'S NOT A GAME REACHES THE NEXT LEVEL

It's Not a Game approached its second year in 2023 and brought innovative interaction to the public using old-school video games, currently available for play on desktops. It continues to serve as a vital safety campaign as it strengthens its messaging throughout digital platforms and communities across the state.

The campaign's clever messaging and eye-catching retro animation holds its title as an informative way to collide influencers and community events into the public eye, such as its presence at the Windy City Smokeout, Lollapalooza and its partnership with the Orange Barrels and Peoria Chiefs. These events stirred quite the engagement with an increase in website traffic and its on-site activations and messaging.

It's Not a Game has also served as an educational

partnership during a semester-long integrated marketing project with the Illinois State University - College of Business, where students used It's Not a Game to learn the ropes of behavior marketing and social changes.



## IT'S NOT A GAME



## LEVEL UP



**84%  
INCREASE**

IN IT'S NOT A GAME WEBSITE USERS IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2022.



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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Our purpose is defined by** the people of Illinois, and we're committed to exceeding their expectations as a public agency. We strive to be a visible presence and offer meaningful opportunities to engage with our communities.





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## ORANGE BARRELS EVENT RECEIVES AWARD AND HITS A HOME RUN FOR SAFETY

In 2022, the Peoria Chiefs, a minor league baseball team in Illinois, began holding a series of games with an alternate team name, the Orange Barrels. The team was poking fun at road construction - specifically, the nearby Murray Baker Bridge project. Where they saw a chance to have a laugh, we saw an opportunity to get in on the joke and redirect the narrative to focus on work zone safety. Our best recruiters gave them a call, and to our delight they were excited to work with us, making the Orange Barrels more meaningful for the community.

Our overall safety campaign, It's Not a Game, was tailor-made for this initiative with its messaging on work zone safety. The game also provided an excellent opportunity for a native advertising campaign. Everything fit like a glove.

In 2022 we took a simple approach, with a station for safety information, a highway maintainer throwing the first pitch and our "It's Not a Game" messaging during the game.



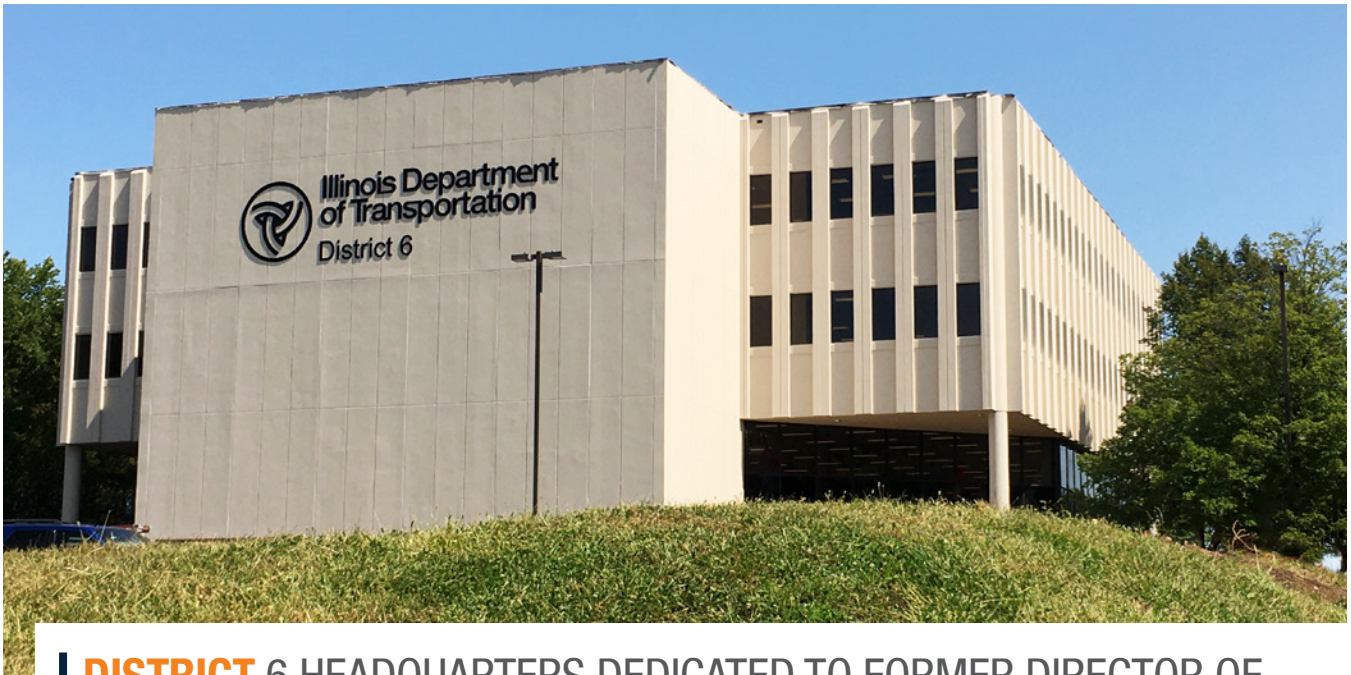
In 2023, we expanded the scope of the event and hosted a Work Zone Safety Street Fair just outside the gates of Dozer Park, consisting of five stations to give participants a hands-on engaging experience:

- ❑ 'It's Not a Game' impaired driving tent
- ❑ Work zone sensory tent
- ❑ Work zone flagger course
- ❑ Illinois State Police wrecked squad car
- ❑ Work zone big truck

The totally new venue presented an opportunity to not only turn around what was originally a joke, but also promote safety and other important transportation information that goes beyond paid advertising or traditional sponsorship. The event was so successful that the department won national recognition from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.







## DISTRICT 6 HEADQUARTERS DEDICATED TO FORMER DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS JAMES L. EASTERLY



The new District 6 headquarters at 3215 Executive Drive in Springfield has been named in honor of longtime employee and former Director of Highways James L. Easterly. The dedication ceremony was held June 30, with remembrances from family, colleagues, elected officials and industry partners.

“It would be difficult to find an employee more widely beloved by his colleagues than James Easterly,” said Secretary Osman. “A mentor to many and a friend to all, Jim used the knowledge gained from years of experience to serve the residents of Illinois with excellence. The dedication of the District 6 headquarters is a reminder of the quality of service to which we all should aspire.”

Easterly worked at IDOT from the time he graduated high school until he retired in 2003. Throughout his

career, he filled numerous roles, from resident engineer to statewide construction engineer, district engineer and, finally, director of highways.

“Our family could not be more appreciative of this recognition. The James L. Easterly Building is a tremendous way to honor someone who devoted his career to public service and improving the lives of others,” said Gale Easterly, Easterly’s wife. “More important than the name on the building is the work that takes place inside of it. We are humbled that Jim’s legacy continues today through the dedication and commitment of IDOT employees to improving safety and quality of life for all of Illinois.”

The headquarters will bring all District 6 employees together to work in the same building for the first time in decades.





## STATE FAIR EXHIBITS A SUCCESS

In between corn dogs and lemon shakeups, Illinois State Fair attendees could also stop by IDOT's tent to play educational games about the effects of impaired driving, sign a snowplow blade and learn more about the department.

At the tent this year was the "It's Not a Game" campaign to raise awareness of road safety. Visitors wore goggles simulating alcohol or marijuana impairment while attempting to complete a maze. The game was popular, with many families stopping to have their teenage kids strap on the goggles for a quick lesson about the dangers of impaired driving.

For the third year, fairgoers were greeted by a 1,200-pound snowplow blade as they entered the tent. By the end of the fair, two snowplow blades were

filled with signatures and words of encouragement and praise for snowplow drivers. One blade will be placed on the truck dubbed Orange Crush in the Riverton Maintenance Yard and the other will go to Scoopy Doo in Quincy for snow and ice season.

The IDOT tent also gave fairgoers an opportunity to learn more about working for IDOT, upcoming projects in their communities, Operation Habitat, and airport services and drones. Highway and bike maps were also provided.

The Illinois State Fair ran from Aug. 10-20. The Du Quoin State Fair provided a similar experience from Aug. 25-Sept. 4, focusing their efforts on employment opportunities and the Move Illinois 2024 Long-Range Transportation Plan.





## IDOT HOSTS HIRING FAIR

The public was invited to a career fair Nov. 15 at IDOT headquarters in the Harry R. Hanley Building in Springfield. Representatives from IDOT offices and bureaus who oversee both technical and administrative support responsibilities were available to discuss current and upcoming employment opportunities at various IDOT locations.

More than 280 attendees learned to apply for state jobs

and were offered assistance in registering for the state's electronic job application system. Partners from Central Management Services were available to help explain the application process, while the Illinois Secretary of State's office answered questions on obtaining a commercial driver's license for positions where one is required. The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs provided guidance on programs and services for qualified veterans.

## IDOT ASSISTS ROBINSON FOLLOWING DEADLY TORNADO

When Robinson – a small rural community in Crawford County – was hit by a category EF3 tornado on March 31, IDOT answered the call to provide cleanup and traffic control.

In its wake, the tornado left debris from destroyed houses and barns. Utility poles were down and scattered across Illinois 1 and 33. Fortunately, the tornado missed hitting IDOT's Robinson maintenance yard, and workers were able to retrieve needed equipment.

It was apparent that Illinois 1 would need to be closed for several days for debris removal and cleanup. Detour signs were created on Saturday morning. Within just a few hours, the road closure and advance warning signs were installed. IDOT crews assisted in maintaining traffic control so Ameren could safely remove downed utility poles and restore power.

With many of the workers from Robinson, the effort was about more than just traffic and debris – it was about restoring a sense of order and pride in their community. For example, while removing the rubble, some photos were retrieved. Rather than tossing the photos aside, IDOT staff identified the owners of the photos and returned them to their families, illustrating their personal commitment not just to safe roads but to friends and neighbors in times of need.



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

**Our workforce and industry** must reflect the people we serve and echo their voices. The end product of our work is always made better through the lens of diversity, equity and inclusion.





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## ‘TODAY’S CHALLENGE, TOMORROW’S REWARD’ CONFERENCE ENGAGES DBES

In February, IDOT held the “Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Reward” conference to provide educational and skill-building workshops, lessons on best practices and networking opportunities for firms in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program and contractors wanting to do business with IDOT.

The annual conference, presented by IDOT’s Office of Business and Workforce Diversity, brought together female- and minority-owned businesses in construction, trucking, engineering and other consulting services to discuss transportation issues, facilitate relationships and develop skills to grow and succeed.

Conference topics included work category expansion, funding, training opportunities, “getting paid” and credit restoration. Industry leaders and IDOT staff led sessions

on how to bid on, participate in and deliver projects. Speakers included Jarrett Payton, WGN sports anchor and son of late NFL Hall-of-Famer Walter Payton.

The event was held in person, with a virtual option available, and attended by 400 people – the department’s highest total in five years. The conference provided a forum for DBEs to share new ideas and information with industry and government representatives to help drive growth and prosperity in our state’s economy.

The conference is part of IDOT’s commitment to making projects more diverse and inclusive, resulting in greater competition on contracts and driving down costs for the public.





## WOOD STREET/ASHLAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

In 2022, Gov. Pritzker and IDOT announced the reconstruction and overhaul of Wood Street/Ashland Avenue. This stretch is a key commercial, industrial and residential corridor that runs through Harvey, Dixmoor and Riverdale. The \$98 million project will modernize 90-year-old infrastructure while making a critical investment in multiple communities to improve safety, support economic development, create jobs and enhance quality of life.



IDOT is reconstructing more than 3 miles between 161st and 138th streets, completely rebuilding the four-lane road to include new curbs, gutters and lighting. The project will also improve capacity, modernize traffic signals and turn lanes, implement smoother and safer railroad crossings, and include landscaping and aesthetic enhancements. The bridge over the Little Calumet River will be rehabilitated, and bike and

pedestrian accommodations will be added throughout the corridor. The project also includes a new storm sewer system to address longtime drainage and flooding concerns, and the replacement of municipal water mains.

Wood Street through Ashland Avenue, north of Thornton Road, was built in the 1930s but never reconstructed, with the original pavement still serving as the roadway's base in some locations. Among the properties along Wood Street/Ashland Avenue are Maya Angelou Elementary School, Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Cook County forest preserves and several churches.

As part of an innovative financing arrangement, IDOT is designating \$3.6 million in federal credits to help high-need communities reach their financial commitment for the local components of the project. Working on the project will be graduates of the Highway Construction Careers Training Program, an IDOT initiative partnering with South Suburban College in South Holland and Kennedy-King College in Chicago to provide minority and female students the opportunity to get on-the-job experience toward full-time work and a career in the construction trades.

Work began in June with full road closures in place to accommodate bridge rehabilitation work. The entire project is expected to take two full construction seasons to finish, with an anticipated completion date in 2024.





## **HCCTP:** BUILDING CAREERS ACROSS ILLINOIS

In 2009, IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration collaborated to create the Highway Construction Careers Training Program. HCCTP launched in 2010 with eight participating community colleges across the state to increase access to highway construction jobs for minorities, women and disadvantaged individuals. The program emphasizes lifelong learning and provides opportunities for continuing education and assistance to improve employability in Illinois' highway construction industry.

Participating community colleges are expected to hold one to five training sessions a year in which individuals receive intensive training in highway construction-related skills, from trade mathematics to job-site readiness, carpentry, blueprint reading, forklift operation and more.

Each program also provides its graduates with

assistance in obtaining placement with Illinois' highway construction trade unions, apprenticeship programs or IDOT highway construction contractors.

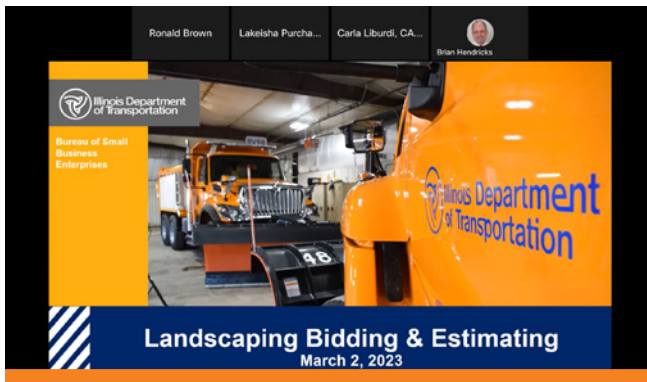
The success of the HCCTP program speaks for itself. Over 13 years, the program has placed 1,466 participants in jobs with various trade unions and serves as a national model to help people in underserved communities find jobs in the trades. In 2023, the program graduated 235, with 134 – nearly 60% – placed in a trade union position. What's more, three additional community colleges have joined the program since its launch, taking the total from eight to 11.

HCCTP will continue to build on its success in 2024 and plans to add two more community colleges to the program to ensure everyone who lives in Illinois has access to good-paying jobs no matter their history.





## BUILDING BLOCKS OF SUCCESS WORKSHOPS CONTINUE



Virtual workshops are part of IDOT's continuing Building Blocks of Success series for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms interested in strengthening their skills,

growing their business and bidding on state projects. Participants include new and existing DBEs and other firms interested in becoming certified in the program.

Workshops offered in 2023 covered a variety of topics, including subcontractor awareness, accessing capital, underwriting and more. The most attended workshop this year was "Overhead Rate Calculation, Construction and Professional Services, and More," on March 9, with 63 attendees.

Session recordings are available at: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFnMWoCoXoiF\\_vxUjES6j4Q2Aibc2o9c](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFnMWoCoXoiF_vxUjES6j4Q2Aibc2o9c).

## NUMBER OF HCCTP GRADUATES IN 2023

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## IDOT INVITES PUBLIC, STAKEHOLDERS TO WEBINAR ON DISPARITY STUDY

A disparity study is underway to update the goals of the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program and review current programs and policies regarding participation of minority- and woman-owned businesses on state contracts. The study will examine the current participation of all contractors on IDOT contracts, including minority- and women-owned firms, and local marketplace conditions for such businesses. Results of the study will help IDOT develop updated data on the availability of minority- and female-owned businesses and set overall goals.

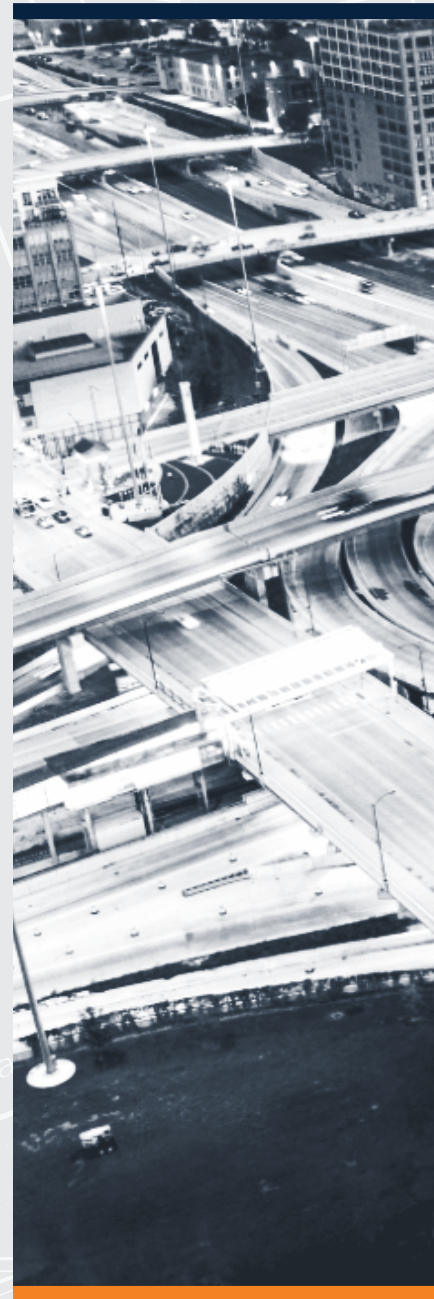
### Study Participation Information

- Public study introduction webinar December 2022
- Stakeholder/ Business Owner Interviews Spring 2023
- Electronic survey of business owners Summer 2023
- Study information
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  - [idot-study@mwbela.com](mailto:idot-study@mwbela.com)
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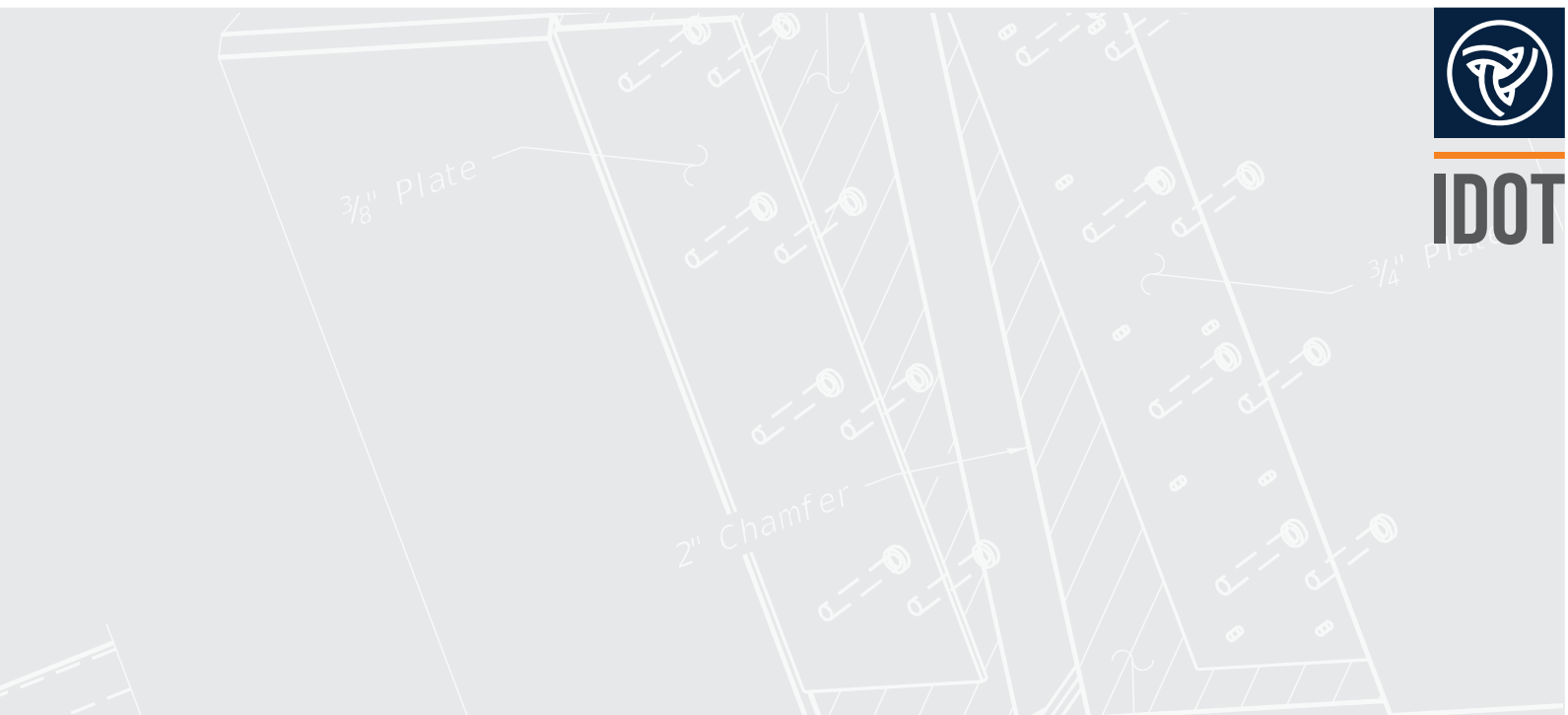
# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Whether it's the individuals, teams or projects that garner praise, we are humbled when our work is recognized and feel a great sense of honor to have been given the opportunity to excel.**





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## **JANE** BYRNE AND WEBER ROAD INTERCHANGES EARN TOP HONORS

Sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, AAA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the America's Transportation Awards recognize states for critical infrastructure work and associated economic and quality of life benefits.

The reconstruction and modernization of the Jane Byrne and Weber Road interchanges have won top honors among Midwest states in the America's Transportation Awards. Revitalization of the aged Byrne interchange turned one of the nation's slowest, most congested highway freight bottlenecks into a thriving multimodal corridor for businesses, residences and other local attractions, while an innovative reimagining of the Weber Road interchange with a diverging-diamond design significantly improved mobility to accommodate rising traffic volumes, a population influx and a burgeoning economy.

One of the biggest projects in state history, reconstruction of the Byrne improved safety and mobility across the region and at the neighborhood level. The more than \$800 million project involved rebuilding multiple bridges over the interchange to accommodate wider sidewalks and bike lanes. Additionally, the project transformed Peoria Street into an expansive walkway and rehabilitated the Chicago Transit Authority's Blue Line station, adding an elevator for customers with disabilities.

Since the Weber Road interchange opened in 1990, the surrounding population in Bolingbrook and Romeoville has nearly doubled. To accommodate the increase in traffic volume, the \$96 million upgrade focused on addressing immediate operational and safety concerns, with the centerpiece the widening of Weber Road and reconfiguring the interchange with Interstate 55 into a diverging-diamond design.





## DOBBS AND SHANLEY ASSIST AT SCENE OF CRASH, RECEIVE SECRETARY'S PIN

Roadside Maintenance Manager Stephanie Dobbs and Bureau of Operations Maintenance Support Engineer Laura Shanley were awarded the Secretary's Pin in August for their bravery and assistance at the scene of a crash last summer in Logan County.

While traveling to perform field inspections, Dobbs and Shanley came upon a two-vehicle crash on U.S. 136 near Emden. Law enforcement and EMT personnel had not yet arrived.

Dobbs saw a man on the phone and asked him if there were injuries. The man replied that his three children in the van were injured and the man in the other vehicle was badly hurt. Shanley parked near the crash, turned on the vehicle's strobe lights and proceeded to flag and warn oncoming traffic of the debris and disabled vehicle ahead.

Meanwhile, Dobbs found the second man unresponsive. She called to him and attempted to check his pulse. After calling to him several times, he opened his eyes, became more aware and told her that he was hurt, particularly his back. She continued talking to him to keep him awake and alert to prevent shock and additional injury.

Eventually EMS arrived and took over the medical response for the crash. He was then sent via Life Flight to Springfield for further care.

After recounting these events for ceremony attendees both in person and virtual, Secretary Osman praised Dobbs and Shanley for their bravery and willingness to assist when needed.

## IDOT CUTS RIBBON ON ILLINOIS CERTIFICATION AND RESEARCH TRACK

On April 24, IDOT opened the Illinois Certification and Research Track in Clinton County with a ribbon cutting. The 0.83-mile testing facility will support pavement surface research, assess non-destructive testing equipment, evaluate materials for highway construction and certify equipment according to established standards. ICART is a multipurpose facility that will increase understanding and capabilities in accurately characterizing pavement surface properties and identifying how those properties impact vehicles and passengers.

Construction of a 7,100-square foot building nearby to support testing, research and certification efforts is anticipated to begin this summer.

"Research and materials might not be activities that

get us a lot of headlines and attention, but it is the foundation of everything we do," said Osman. "This facility has already been called by experts the epicenter of research into pavement surface characteristics. And it's put IDOT on the map as a place where researchers have to visit if they want to be on the cutting edge."



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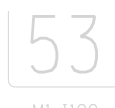
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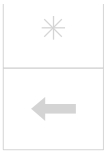
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