
Analysis of the FY 2020 – 2025 Highway Improvement Plan

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OVERVIEW

The Illinois Department of Transportation released their multi-year plan on Monday, October 22nd. Though over 6 months late in its release, the wait appears to have been well worth it. This is the first multi-year plan released since the passage of the 2019 Capital Bill. The plan is designed to present the projects which the state intends to commence for both state and local highway jurisdictions.

PROGRAM SIZE

As a result of the capital bill, the current MYP contains a significant increase in highway and bridge spending.

The total estimated spending for the program is \$23.5 billion, which represents a 104% increase over the previous MYP (\$11.05 billion).

The proposed annual program (current year) is \$3.76 billion or nearly 70% higher than the previous annual program of \$2.22 billion.

In terms of increasing state responsibility, state sources represent 58% of the total program resources which is significantly higher than recent years.

The outyears of the MYP will average nearly \$4 billion per year which more than doubles outyear programs in recent years.

The state highway portion of the MYP is \$19.35 billion or 152% higher than the previous program of \$7.69 billion. The local highway portion of \$4.14 billion is 23% higher than the previous program of \$3.36 billion. The number of state highway miles repaired is increasing to 4,063 or an increase of 108%, while square foot of bridges repaired remains virtually the same at 8.5 million square feet.

The following compares the current MYP total with those of recent years:

<i>In millions</i>	FY 17 MYP	FY 18 MYP	FY 19 MYP	FY 20 MYP
Current Year	\$2,023.0	\$2,200.0	\$2,220.0	\$3,760.0
Total MYP	\$11,173.0	\$11,650.0	\$11,050.0	\$23,490.0
Pct. State Sources	18%	19%	12%	58%
Avg. Outyears	\$1,830.0	\$1,890.0	\$1,766.0	\$3,946.0
Total State Highway \$	\$7,680.0	\$8,020.0	\$7,690.0	\$19,350.0
Total Local Highway \$	\$3,493.0	\$3,630.0	\$3,360.0	\$4,140.0
Miles of state hwys	2523	2463	1945	4063
Sq ft of state bridges	N/A	N/A	8.5 million	8.5 million

ANALYSIS

The size of the program is impressive and will meet the demands of the revised TAMP. Of the state resources being used, only \$5 billion is proposed bond funding. This means they are front loading the PAYGO funding, which is a financially strong position. The local road portion of the MYP is not increasing proportionately to the state highway portion but they are getting an additional \$400 million a year through the MFT formula. Finally, the flat increase in bridge repair shows the state was already prioritizing bridge funding.

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