

Transportation Investment Accountability Act

HB 4768: A results-based approach to transportation investments in Illinois

Sponsor: Ill. Rep. Elaine Nekritz (D-Des Plaines)

Why do we need a way to prioritize transportation investments?

Illinois is in a fiscal meltdown. One way to emerge from this mess is to make smarter decisions about transportation investments that attract businesses.

HB 4768 will create the State Transportation Policy Committee, which will work with the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) to ensure transportation investments will enhance state and local economic development, and quality of life for Illinois residents. The goals of the bill will create greater transparency, full and careful consideration for investments on their merits, and accountability for spending limited transportation dollars.

How does TIAA work?

- State Transportation Policy Committee recommends goals and objective criteria to IDOT.
- IDOT creates the State Transportation Plan (STP) with advice from the committee.
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) adopt goals and objectives, as directed by IDOT to create Regional Transportation Plans (RTP).
- Every RTP is consistent with IDOT's STP.
- A multi-year transportation improvement program that is the result of RTP and



Criteria that could be used to evaluate transportation projects

- System maintenance, efficiency, safety, and intermodal connectivity.
- Economic development such as job creation and retention, transit-oriented.
- development, and housing near jobs.
- Environmental benefits such as emission reduction.
- Population affected by or benefitting from the project.
- Financial indicators such as life-cycle cost, return on investment, and leveraging of private capital.

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State Transportation Policy Committee



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