

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A well-developed, reliable transportation system is acknowledged to be crucial to the growth and economic vitality of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, A high-quality transportation system is essential to the continued development and enhancement of intrastate as well as interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS, An efficient transportation system is more than public highways and roadways; it is a comprehensive network of multimodal components that work together to provide the orderly transportation of goods, services, and people; and

WHEREAS, The development, funding, and maintenance of an efficient and effective transportation system is a shared responsibility of the State, local governments and agencies, and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Due to the expanding economy and rapid population growth in the State of Illinois, there exists an urgent need to evaluate existing processes, resources, and infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly, recognizes the crucial need for transportation evaluation and planning, and the need to build consensus and recommend planning and funding strategies for this State's multimodal transportation future; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly hereby calls upon the Governor to establish a Task Force to serve the purpose of evaluating current practices, resources, and infrastructures and recommending and prioritizing the goals, funding, and specific plans that will establish a

1 vision for transportation in Illinois for the 21st century;  
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be  
4 appointed by the Governor and will serve at the pleasure of  
5 the Governor for up to two years; the Task Force membership  
6 will include two Co-chairs to be named by the Governor; the  
7 Task Force will include the Secretary of Transportation and  
8 at-large members representing the business community, the  
9 general public and other diverse parties interested in the  
10 improvement of the Illinois transportation system; and the  
11 Department of Transportation will serve as staff to the Task  
12 Force; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall accomplish the  
14 following:

15 1. Identify critical long-range transportation  
16 needs in both rural and urban areas of this State. The  
17 Task Force shall develop preliminary estimates of the  
18 long-term (minimum of twenty years) cost of implementing  
19 a comprehensive, multimodal, long-range transportation  
20 system plan and compare the estimated cost to estimated  
21 revenues from existing federal, State, and local  
22 transportation funding streams.

23 2. Identify and recommend planning approaches and  
24 funding strategies to be used to establish a  
25 comprehensive, fully integrated, multimodal system that  
26 serves the future transportation needs of all of  
27 Illinois. The Task Force should consider all aspects of  
28 transportation, including but not limited to public  
29 roadways, highways, bus service, passenger rail service,  
30 aviation, bicycle, and travel reduction programs. The  
31 Task Force's strategies or recommendations should address  
32 both rural and urban transportation issues, as well as  
33 freight concerns throughout the State.

1           3. Study and recommend guidelines and procedures  
2 for prioritizing the State's transportation needs and  
3 expenditures in relationship to the responsibilities of  
4 the Department of Transportation, local governments  
5 throughout the State, and local planning agencies.

6           4. Review the structure and responsibilities with  
7 regard to transportation planning of the Department of  
8 Transportation, local governments throughout the State,  
9 and local planning agencies and include any recommended  
10 changes in its final report.

11           5. Submit a final report to the Governor on or  
12 before December 31, 2003. The report shall contain  
13 "consensus" findings and recommendations of the Task  
14 Force. The reports will be made available to Illinois'  
15 congressional delegation, the members of the State  
16 legislature, State, county, and local transportation  
17 departments, the State's universities, and the private  
18 sector including community and citizens groups; and be it  
19 further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the Secretary of Transportation and the  
22 Governor.