

SB1901



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Steve Stadelman

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Appropriates \$575,000,000 to the Department of Transportation for expenses related to the Statewide Railway Program. Effective July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The amount of \$70,000,000, or so much of that
5 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General
6 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for expenses
7 of planning, design, and environmental clearance of a new
8 electrified high-speed line designed for speeds in excess of
9 186 miles per hour in relation to the Statewide Railway
10 Program.

11 Section 10. The amount of \$230,000,000, or so much of that
12 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General
13 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for expenses
14 of capital improvements to railroad lines that currently host
15 passenger trains, upgrades for existing railroad lines
16 establish new passenger rail routes, or to new construct
17 railroad lines to establish new passenger rail routes in
18 relation to the Statewide Railway Program. Eligible expenses
19 include: repairing, reconstructing, or building new railroad
20 bridges; installing or modernizing overhead catenary for
21 electrically powered trains; upgrading existing mainline
22 tracks to FRA Class 4 standards or better; adding second or
23 third mainline tracks; and installing train control systems.

1 Section 15. The amount of \$100,000,000, or so much of that
2 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General
3 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for expenses
4 of purchasing modern trains and the construction of new
5 maintenance facilities or the modernization of existing
6 maintenance facilities in relation to the Statewide Railway
7 Program.

8 Section 20. The amount of \$2,000,000, or so much of that
9 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General
10 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for salaries
11 and other expenses related to adding professional staff in the
12 rail division of the Office of Intermodal Project
13 Implementation in relation to the Statewide Railway Program.

14 Section 25. The amount of \$100,000,000, or so much of that
15 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General
16 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for the
17 operation of passenger trains linking communities outside of
18 the Regional Transportation Authority boundaries to Chicago
19 and O'Hare and the operation of passenger trains linking
20 communities outside of the Regional Transportation Authority
21 boundaries to other communities outside of the Regional
22 Transportation Authority boundaries in relation to the
23 Statewide Railway Program.

1 Section 30. The amount of \$50,000,000, or so much of that
2 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General
3 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for
4 maintaining mainline tracks on passenger rail routes at Class
5 5 or better in relation to the Statewide Railway Program.

6 Section 35. The amount of \$23,000,000, or so much of that
7 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General
8 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for the
9 operation of regional buses to connect communities without a
10 railway station outside of the Regional Transportation
11 Authority to the state passenger railway network and to
12 supplement frequency on passenger rail routes in relation to
13 the Statewide Railway Program.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
15 2025.