#### 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

## 2009 and 2010

#### HB4768

Introduced 1/11/2010, by Rep. Elaine Nekritz

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Transportation Law of the Civil Amends the Department of Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the State Transportation Policy Committee. Requires the Department of Transportation, with the advice of the Committee, to develop a statewide transportation plan that meets certain requirements (now, the Department, without consultation, develops a statewide plan). Authorizes the Department to choose projects and programs for inclusion in the statewide plan. Requires selected programs and projects to be consistent with the statewide plan. Authorizes the Committee to determine by resolution whether selected programs and projects are consistent with the statewide plan. Provides for the amendment of programs that are inconsistent with the statewide plan. Requires the Department to publish statewide annual and multiyear transportation improvement programs by certain dates. Authorizes the Department to allocate certain funds for surface transportation capital programs in accordance with the annual and multiyear improvement programs. Requires each MPO to prepare and adopt regional annual and multiyear transportation improvement programs for submittal to the Department and the Committee by certain dates. Provides that the transportation improvement program the Department is required to develop under a federal law may include only projects that an MPO or the Department has prioritized for inclusion in a regional or statewide program. Provides for the public's participation in and the Committee's evaluation of the transportation planning process. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the
Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing
Sections 2705-5 and 2705-200 and by adding Sections 2705-2,
2705-176, 2705-177, 2705-201, 2705-219, 2705-220, 2705-221,
2705-222, and 2705-223 as follows:

9 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-2 new)

Sec. 2705-2. Purpose and scope. The purpose of this Law is 10 to ensure that transportation investments in the State of 11 12 Illinois enhance State and local economic development and the quality of life for Illinois residents. It is the intent of the 13 14 General Assembly to provide greater transparency, full and careful consideration of investments on the merits, and 15 16 accountability for results that will give the public confidence 17 that tax dollars are being used effectively for transportation projects and that limited funds are allocated to achieve the 18 19 best outcomes. To that end, all surface transportation capital moneys appropriated by the State, including but not limited to, 20 21 appropriations from the Road Fund, the State Construction 22 Account Fund, transportation bonds, and federal funds, to the extent allowed by federal law, shall be allocated based on the 23

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1	State and MPO plans and the annual and multiyear transportation
2	improvement programs prescribed by this Law. This Law does not
3	apply to (i) any grant programs administered by the Department
4	of Natural Resources, (ii) any funds administered by the
5	Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity that support
6	local transportation improvements as part of an economic
7	development project, or (iii) any moneys distributed to local
8	government entities pursuant to item (2) of subsection (e) of
9	Section 8 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law.

10 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-5)

11 Sec. 2705-5. Definitions. In this Law:

12"Committee" means the State Transportation Policy13Committee established by this Law.

14 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

15 <u>"District" means the 9 districts of the State of Illinois</u>
16 <u>established by the Department for its administrative purposes</u>
17 <u>and statutorily authorized activities.</u>

18 <u>"Downstate MPO" means an MPO whose metropolitan planning</u> 19 <u>boundaries are entirely outside of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall,</u> 20 Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties.

21 <u>"MPO" means a metropolitan planning organization</u> 22 <u>designated under 23 U.S.C. 134 whose metropolitan planning area</u> 23 <u>boundaries are partially or completely within the State.</u>

24 <u>"Project of interregional or statewide significance" means</u>
 25 a surface transportation corridor or project that links major

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1	State destinations in support of the State's economy as
2	designated by the Department with the advice of the Committee.
3	"Regional programs" means the regional annual and
4	multiyear transportation improvement programs established
5	under this Law.
6	"Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation.
7	"Statewide programs" means the statewide annual and
8	multiyear transportation improvement programs established
9	under this Law.
10	"Surface transportation" means roadway, bridge, public
11	transportation, rail, trail, walkway, bicycle, and intermodal
12	facilities.
13	"Surface transportation capital project" or "project"
14	means a capital project for the maintenance, improvement,
15	acquisition, or new construction of surface transportation
16	facilities, including facilities or improvements ancillary to
17	surface transportation facilities.
18	(Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)
19	(20 ILCS 2705/2705-176 new)
20	Sec. 2705-176. State Transportation Policy Committee;
21	creation; members; terms.
22	(a) A State Transportation Policy Committee is created. The
23	Committee shall perform the duties enumerated in this Law. The
24	Committee members shall each represent the State as a whole and
25	balance the needs of urban and rural areas of the State. The

Committee shall consist of 13 voting members and 8 non-voting
members, all of whom must be residents of the State of
Illinois, as follows:
(1) 6 members from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake,
McHenry, or Will County appointed by the Chicago
Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board, no more than 3 of
whom may be members of such Board.
(2) 3 members appointed by the Downstate MPOs through
the concurrence of at least three-fifths of the
chairpersons of the Downstate MPOs.
(3) 3 members who are representatives of areas of the
State not within a metropolitan planning area, appointed by
the Governor.
(4) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation
or his or her designee, who shall serve as the chairperson
of the Committee.
(5) The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
Representatives and the President and Minority Leader of
the Senate, or the designee of each, shall be ex officio
non-voting members.
(6) The chairperson of the Illinois State Toll Highway
Authority, or his or her designee, shall be an ex officio
non-voting member.
(7) The Department's Director of Highways, Director of

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25Planning and Programming, and Director of Public and26Intermodal Transportation, or the designee of each, shall

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23 (d) Each appointing authority shall give notice of i	23	(d) Each appointing authority shall give notice of its
24 <u>Committee appointments to each other appointing authority</u> ,	24	Committee appointments to each other appointing authority, to
25 <u>the Committee</u> , to the Secretary of State, and to the Secreta	25	the Committee, to the Secretary of State, and to the Secretary
	26	of Transportation. Within 30 days after his or her appointment

1	and before entering upon the duties of the office, each
2	Committee member shall take and subscribe to the constitutional
3	oath of office and file that oath with the Secretary of State.
4	(e) Members of the Committee shall serve without
5	compensation, but shall be reimbursed by the Department for
6	their travel to and from meetings and other reasonable expenses
7	in connection with meetings, if those expenses are approved by
8	the Department.
9	(20 ILCS 2705/2705-177 new)
10	Sec. 2705-177. Committee meetings; officers.
11	(a) The Secretary of Transportation shall convene the first

11 irst 12 meeting within 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. At that time and 13 annually thereafter, the Committee shall elect one of its 14 15 voting members as vice-chairperson to preside in the absence of 16 the chairperson.

17	(b) Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held at
18	least 3 times each year. The time and place of Committee
19	meetings shall be fixed by resolution of the Committee. The
20	Committee shall be deemed a public body for purposes of the
21	Open Meetings Act. The Committee shall maintain records in
22	accordance with the provisions of the State Records Act. A
23	majority of voting members of the Committee shall constitute a
24	quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting
25	members of the Committee shall be required to approve

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# 1 <u>recommendations related to a State transportation plan or</u> 2 statewide program.

(c) The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure. 3 The Department shall provide staff assistance and 4 (d) 5 office space for the Committee. The Department shall prepare all plans, reports, and documents needed to enable the 6 Committee to review and make recommendations related to the 7 statewide plans and programs and otherwise to fulfill its 8 9 responsibilities. The necessary expenses of the Committee 10 shall be provided through the Department.

11 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-200) (was 20 ILCS 2705/49.16)

Sec. 2705-200. <u>State transportation plan</u> Master plan; reporting requirements.

(a) The Department, with the advice of the Committee, shall 14 15 has the power to develop and maintain a continuing, 16 comprehensive, and integrated planning process that shall develop and periodically revise a State transportation plan 17 statewide master plan for transportation to guide program 18 19 efficient development and to foster and economical 20 transportation services in ground, air, water, and all other 21 modes of surface transportation throughout the State. The 22 Department shall coordinate its transportation planning activities with those of other State agencies and authorities 23 24 and shall coordinate supervise and review any transportation 25 planning performed by other Executive agencies under the

direction of the Governor. The Department shall cooperate and participate with federal, regional, interstate, State, and local agencies, in accordance with Sections 5-301 and 7-301 of the Illinois Highway Code, and with interested private individuals and organizations in the coordination of plans and policies for development of the state's transportation system.

7 To meet the provisions of this Section, the Department, in 8 consultation with the Committee, shall prepare, subject to the 9 review of the Governor, publish and deliver to the Governor and 10 General Assembly by December 31, 2011 and at intervals not to exceed every 5 years, January 1, 1982 and every 2 years 11 12 thereafter, its State transportation master plan for surface transportation systems. Not less than 60 days prior to 13 14 submission to the Governor and General Assembly, the Department shall submit the plan to the Committee. Within 30 days after 15 16 submission of the plan by the Department, the Committee shall 17 recommend revisions. If the Committee recommends revision of the plan, the Department shall, within 30 days, either revise 18 19 the plan to address the Committee's recommendations or provide 20 a written explanation to the Committee for not revising the plan. The Committee's recommendation and any Department 21 22 response thereto shall be included with the plan filed with the 23 Governor and General Assembly highway, waterway, aeronautic, mass transportation, and railroad systems. The plan shall 24 25 identify priority subsystems or components of each system that 26 are critical to the economic and general welfare of this State

1 regardless of public jurisdictional responsibility or private
2 ownership.

3 <u>The State transportation plan shall set forth goals,</u> 4 <u>objectives, performance measures, and criteria that may</u> 5 <u>provide the basis for selecting projects for inclusion in the</u> 6 <u>annual and multiyear transportation improvement programs. It</u> 7 <u>may examine policies, strategies, opportunities, and</u> 8 challenges.

9 The State transportation plan shall set forth goals and 10 objectives designed to assure the development and maintenance 11 of a comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation 12 system. Goals may include, but are not limited to, maintaining a state of good repair, lowering travel times, reducing traffic 13 14 congestion, decreasing vehicle emissions, improving air quality, protecting the environment, reducing transportation 15 16 costs, encouraging the effective use of pricing and other 17 demand management strategies, improving safety, encouraging economic growth, supporting the greater use of alternative 18 transportation opportunities, such as walking and biking, and 19 20 establishing other goals that advance an adequate, efficient, 21 and coordinated transportation system.

The State transportation plan may establish performance measures addressing the adequacy, efficiency, and coordination of transportation services and the implementation of goals and objectives. It may include transportation policies that reflect the relationship of transportation to land use, - 10 - LRB096 15656 JDS 30892 b

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1	economic development, the environment, air quality, and energy
2	consumption; foster the efficient movement of people and goods;
3	coordinate modes of transportation; coordinate planning among
4	federal agencies, State agencies, transportation agencies, and
5	local governments; and address the safety and equity of
6	transportation services. It may include priorities,
7	challenges, and strategies for improvement. The State
8	transportation plan shall incorporate the adopted regional
9	transportation plans, prepared by each MPO pursuant to Section
10	2705-201, based on the state transportation plan's criteria and
11	performance measurements.
12	The State transportation plan shall include criteria by
13	which proposals for capital improvements may be evaluated and
14	prioritized for inclusion in the statewide programs. The
15	criteria shall be designed to advance the goals and objectives
16	established in the State transportation plan. The criteria may

17 include but not be limited to the following categories:

18	(1) objective transportation criteria, such as s	ystem
19	maintenance, efficiency, safety, and inter	modal
20	<pre>connectivity;</pre>	
21	(2) economic development criteria, such as	job

creation and retention, inclusion of transit oriented 22 23 development, and cost effectiveness;

#### 24 (3) environmental criteria, such as reduced emissions; (4) population affected by the project; and 25 (5) financial criteria, such as life-cycle cost, 26

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1return on investment, effect on transportation costs, and2effective leveraging of private capital.

3 <u>The State transportation plan shall include a description</u> 4 <u>of the criteria and performance measures developed by the</u> 5 <u>Department to prioritize proposals for inclusion in the</u> 6 <u>statewide program pursuant to subsection (c) of Section</u> 7 2705-220.

8 The master plan shall provide particular emphasis and 9 detail of at least the 5 year period in the immediate future.

10 Annual and 5 year, or longer, project programs for each 11 State system in this Section shall be published and furnished 12 the General Assembly on the first Wednesday in April of each 13 year.

14 Identified needs included in the project programs shall be 15 listed and mapped in a distinctive fashion to clearly identify 16 the priority status of the projects: (1) projects to be 17 committed for execution; (2) tentative projects that are 18 dependent upon funding or other constraints; and (3) needed 19 projects that are not programmed due to lack of funding or 20 other constraints.

All projects shall be related to the priority systems of the master plan, and the priority criteria identified. Cost and estimated completion dates shall be included for work required to complete a useable segment or component beyond the period of the program.

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(b) The Department shall publish and deliver to the

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1 Governor and General Assembly <u>by December 31, 2012 and at</u> 2 <u>intervals not to exceed every 5 years thereafter a master plan</u> 3 <u>and 5-year program for aeronautics.</u> <del>on the first Wednesday in</del> 4 <u>April of each year a 5-year, or longer, Highway Improvement</u> 5 <u>Program reporting the number of fiscal years each project has</u> 6 <u>been on previous plans submitted by the Department.</u>

7 (c) (Blank) The Department shall publish and deliver to the
8 Governor and the General Assembly by November 1 of each year a
9 For the Record report that shall include the following:

10 (1) All the projects accomplished in the previous 11 fiscal year listed by each Illinois Department of 12 Transportation District.

13 (2) The award cost and the beginning dates of each
 14 listed project.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-91, eff. 7-1-05.)

16	(20 ILCS 2705/2705-201 new)
17	Sec. 2705-201. Regional transportation plans. Each MPO
18	shall develop a regional transportation plan that includes:
19	(1) Criteria by which proposals for capital
20	improvements will be evaluated for inclusion in the
21	regional programs. Each MPO may adopt the criteria listed
22	in the State transportation plan or may propose alternative
23	criteria. Alternative criteria shall be submitted to the
24	Department and Committee for review and comment. The
25	criteria shall be designed to advance the goals and

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<u>objectives established by the Department's State</u>
 <u>transportation plan and the MPO through its regional</u>
 transportation planning process.

4 (2) A description of the measurement system and process
5 the MPO will use to prioritize proposals for inclusion in
6 the regional programs.

7 <u>The regional transportation plan shall meet all federal</u> 8 <u>requirements, regulations, and laws pursuant to federally</u> 9 <u>required metropolitan transportation plans. The regional</u> 10 <u>transportation plan shall be submitted to the Department upon</u> 11 <u>completion for incorporation, as much as practical, in the</u> 12 State transportation plan.

13 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-219 new)

14 <u>Sec. 2705-219. Program outreach; funding estimates,</u> 15 <u>allocation, and recommendations.</u>

16	(a) Program Outreach. No later than September 30 of each
17	year, the Department, through each of its District offices,
18	shall hold a program development meeting open to the public
19	with all key regional and local agencies and officials to
20	review current annual and multi-year Programs, to present
21	projected information on district road and bridge conditions,
22	and to solicit input on key highway system improvements and
23	priorities. At least 5 days before holding a program
24	development meeting, notice of the meeting shall be posted on
25	the Department's website and separately delivered to, at a

1	minimum, all MPOs, mass transit districts, County Highway
2	Engineers, and all municipalities outside MPO regions with
3	populations greater than 10,000 inhabitants in the District
4	jurisdiction. A record of the proceedings must be taken and
5	produced for public review. No later than November 30 of each
6	year, each district shall deliver to the committee a summary
7	analysis of the program development outreach meeting and attach
8	all written proposals, recommendations, and comments by
9	counties, municipalities, mass transit districts, other local
10	governments, MPOs, and members of the General Assembly. This
11	summary shall be included in the written record for public
12	involvement documentation as required by Federal and State law.
13	(b) Annual funding estimates. The Department, with the
14	advice of the Committee, shall annually establish a 5-year
15	estimate of all federal and State funds reasonably expected to
16	be available for surface transportation capital programs
17	during each of the following 5 fiscal years.
18	(c) System needs estimates. No later than March 1 of each
19	year, the Department shall provide the Committee with the most
20	current assessments of State highway road and bridge needs for
21	the State as a whole and for each Department district.
22	(d) Funding allocation. The Department may allocate the
23	State and federal funds estimated to be available for surface
24	transportation capital programs in accordance with the annual
25	and multiyear improvement programs prescribed by this Law, as
26	follows:

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1	(1) Any State and federal funds designated by law for
2	specific surface transportation purposes or specific
3	geographic areas shall be allocated, in accordance with
4	law, for those specific purposes or areas.
5	(2) The Department, with the advice of the Committee,
6	may for each 5-year program set percentage allocations for
7	each of the criteria in the State transportation plan.
8	Funding allocations may be based upon their percentage
9	share of need as defined by the criteria.
10	(e) Not less often than once every 2 years, the Committee
11	shall review and evaluate the funding allocations and make
12	recommendations for changes to the Department, General
13	Assembly, and the Governor.
14	(f) The Committee shall evaluate available transportation
15	funding sources and make recommendations to the Department,
16	General Assembly, and the Governor regarding the raising of
17	adequate and sustainable revenues for transportation.
18	(20 ILCS 2705/2705-220 new)
19	Sec. 2705-220. Annual and multiyear transportation
20	improvement programs.
21	(a) Preparation guidelines. The Department, with the
22	advice of the Committee, shall develop guidelines for
23	preparation of the regional and statewide programs.
24	(b) Statewide annual and multiyear transportation
25	improvement programs. The Department shall publish and submit

1	to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Committee, no
2	later than April 4, 2012 and the first Wednesday of April of
3	every year thereafter, an annual and 5-year schedule of all
4	surface transportation improvement projects and their
5	anticipated costs. These schedules are designated as the
6	statewide annual and multiyear transportation improvement
7	programs. The Department shall be responsible for the planning
8	and programming of its funds for all areas of the State.
9	(1) The statewide programs shall include projects and
10	programs proposed to be funded, in whole or in part, by
11	State or federal funds and shall consist of the following:
12	(A) The Department shall choose projects for
13	inclusion. The Department, counties, municipalities,
14	mass transit districts, other local governments, MPOs,
15	and members of the General Assembly may nominate or
16	recommend projects for the statewide programs.
17	(B) The Department shall identify projects of
18	interregional or statewide significance for inclusion.
19	The Department, counties, municipalities, mass transit

19The Department, counties, municipalities, mass transit20districts, other local governments, MPOs, and members21of the General Assembly may nominate or recommend22projects of interregional or statewide significance23for the statewide programs.

24(2) All projects shall be consistent with the adopted25State transportation plan. The Department shall26demonstrate how such projects advance the goals and

1	objectives of the adopted State transportation plan.
2	(3) No later than 30 days after publication of the
3	surface transportation improvement program, the Committee
4	shall, by resolution, either (i) determine that the
5	statewide programs are consistent with the adopted State
6	transportation plan or (ii) determine that all or any
7	portions of the statewide programs are not consistent with
8	the adopted State transportation plan, including within
9	the resolution an explanation for any such determination.
10	Individual Committee members may prepare a written
11	statement indicating their disagreement with the
12	resolution adopted by the Committee. The Committee's
13	resolution and any written statements prepared by
14	individual members shall be published and delivered to the
15	General Assembly and the Governor with the statewide
16	programs.
17	(4) Within 30 days after the adoption of the
18	Committee's resolution pursuant to paragraph (3) of
19	subsection (b) of this Section, an MPO may amend its
20	regional program included within the statewide programs
21	for the sole purpose of addressing a Committee
22	determination that the program is not consistent with the
23	adopted State transportation plan. Within 30 days after the
24	adoption of the Committee's resolution pursuant to
25	paragraph (3), the Department may amend any portion of a

1	purpose of addressing a Committee determination that such
2	portion of a program is not consistent with the adopted
3	State transportation plan. Any amendments shall be
4	published and delivered to the Committee, General
5	Assembly, and Governor.
6	(c) Regional annual and multiyear transportation
7	improvement programs. After consultation with the Department,
8	each MPO shall prepare and adopt an annual and 5-year schedule
9	of all regional transportation improvement projects and their
10	anticipated costs. These schedules shall be known as the
11	regional annual and multiyear transportation improvement
12	programs. The regional programs shall be submitted to the
13	Department and the Committee no later than August 31, 2012 and
14	August 31 of every year thereafter.
15	(1) The regional programs shall include projects and
16	programs within the MPO's jurisdiction proposed to be
17	funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds.
18	(2) Counties, municipalities, mass transit districts,

other local governments, the Department, and members of the 19 20 General Assembly may nominate or recommend the inclusion of 21 projects in the regional programs. The MPOs shall have 22 authority for determining whether any of the project 23 nominations or recommendations for federal funding are 24 accepted and included in the regional programs. This 25 authority extends only to a project located within the 26 MPO's jurisdiction.

1	(3) Projects included in the regional programs shall be
2	consistent with the regional transportation plan adopted
3	by the MPO. The regional programs shall demonstrate how
4	projects are consistent with the State transportation
5	plans.
6	(4) Projects shall be prioritized for inclusion in the
7	programs using a measurement system and the criteria
8	established by the regional transportation plan.
9	(5) The Department shall provide assistance to MPOs in
10	preparing the regional programs, at the request of the MPO.
11	(d) Fiscal year 2012 statewide program. After consultation
12	with the MPOs, the Department shall prepare, by no later than
13	April 6, 2011, and the first Wednesday in each April
14	thereafter, an annual program of surface transportation
15	capital projects and their anticipated costs proposed for
16	funding in whole or in part from appropriations made by the
17	State for fiscal year 2012 and each year thereafter. The fiscal
18	year 2012 statewide program required by this subsection shall,
19	so much as is practicable, comply with the objectives of this
20	Law. The Committee shall review and provide comments on the
21	fiscal year 2012 statewide program by no later than 30 days
22	after the annual program publication.

23	(20 ILCS 2705/2705-221 new)
24	Sec. 2705-221. Inclusion in transportation improvement
25	program. The transportation improvement program the Department

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1 must develop pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 135 may include only 2 projects that have been prioritized for inclusion in a regional 3 or statewide program by an MPO or the Department pursuant to 4 this Law. It is not the intent of this Section to interfere 5 with administrative changes to the Transportation Improvement 6 Program, but only to ensure that all included projects undergo 7 the process prescribed by this Law.

8 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-222 new)

9 <u>Sec. 2705-222. Public involvement and accountability.</u>

10 (a) The Department and the Committee shall provide timely 11 and clear information and accountability to the public and 12 shall engage the public when making State transportation 13 decisions and recommendations. The Department shall elicit the public's views both with respect to adequate transportation 14 15 services and appropriate means of minimizing the adverse 16 social, economic, environmental, and energy impacts of transportation programs. All documents listed in this Law shall 17 18 be made publicly available for distribution in print and on the 19 Department's website.

20 <u>(b) The Department and the Committee shall provide the</u> 21 <u>opportunity for public comment throughout the State prior to</u> 22 <u>the development and completion of the statewide transportation</u> 23 <u>plan and the statewide multi-year program. Public comment may</u> 24 <u>be solicited through various methods, including, but not</u> 25 <u>limited to, hearings, focus groups, surveys, and feedback on</u>

1	draft plans.
2	(c) The Department, in consultation with the Committee,
3	shall publish in its publication "For the Record" and deliver
4	to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1 of each
5	year a report on all modes of transportation that shall include
6	the following:
7	(1) All the projects accomplished in the previous
8	fiscal year listed by each Illinois Department of
9	Transportation District.
10	(2) The award cost and the beginning dates of each
11	listed project.
12	(3) A summary of the Department's prior-year decisions
13	in allocating transportation capital outlay appropriations
14	and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues
15	facing the State of Illinois.
16	(4) Statewide and for each district, a description of
17	any project receiving an appropriation from the General
18	Assembly that was not included in the statewide program.
19	(5) An explanation and summary of major policies and
20	decisions adopted by the Department and the recommendation
21	of the Committee during the previously completed State and
22	federal fiscal year, with an explanation of any changes in
23	policy associated with the performance of the Department's
24	duties and responsibilities over the past year.
25	(6) A review of the progress made in achieving the
26	State transportation goals.

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1	(7) Statewide and for each district, the total of
2	program accomplishments in dollars, number of miles,
3	number of bridges, and number of transit projects.
4	(8) Statewide and for each district, the current
5	condition of roadway miles and bridges for roads and
6	bridges under State jurisdiction.
7	(d) All MPOs shall publish and deliver to the Department by
8	October 1 of each year a "For the Record" report that shall
9	include the following:
10	(1) A list of all projects accomplished in the previous
11	fiscal year, their award costs, and their beginning dates.
12	(2) An explanation and summary of changes in major
13	policies, goals, objectives, performance measures and
14	criteria that were adopted by the MPO during the previous
15	fiscal year.
16	(3) A review of the progress made in achieving the
17	goals and objectives of the State transportation plan and
18	the MPO regional transportation plan.
19	(20 ILCS 2705/2705-223 new)
20	Sec. 2705-223. Evaluation.
21	(a) The Committee shall evaluate the effectiveness of the
22	processes and procedures established by this Law to ensure that
23	they contribute to a well-coordinated and cost-effective
24	transportation system. The Committee shall recommend changes
25	as needed to the General Assembly and the Governor.

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1 (b) Every 2 years, the Auditor General shall review the 2 performance of the Department to assure the Department is 3 meeting the requirements of this Law.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
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