ILLINOIS JOBS NOW!
Statewide Project Highlights

Illinois Jobs Now! will:

- Invest $31 billion in the Illinois economy over six years
- Access over $3.7 billion in American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds
- Support over 439,000 Illinois jobs

Project highlights include:

- **$14.3 billion for roads and bridges, highlights include:**
  - $9.8 billion for the multiyear road program
  - $4 billion for new projects
  - $500 million for local projects

- **$7 billion for developing a 21st century transportation network, highlights include:**
  - $2.7 billion to Chicago-area public transit and $300 million to downstate transit districts, leveraging up to $2.7 billion in additional federal funds
  - $400 million for high-speed rail, which could access up to $2 billion in ARRA funds
  - $380 million for airport improvements and $110.5 million for the third airport project
  - $322 million for the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE)
  - $150 million for conventional intercity rail transit (AMTRAK)
  - $10 million for an electrification transportation alternative fuel car-sharing program

- **$3.6 billion for preschool thru 12th grade education, highlights include:**
  - $3 billion for the school construction program
  - $200 million for the school maintenance program
  - $196 million for charter schools
  - $100 million for a new school energy efficiency retrofit program
  - $75 million for vocational education at Chicago Public Schools
  - $45 million for a new early childhood facilities program
  - $10 million for student laptop computers

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• $1.5 billion for higher education, highlights include:
  o $788 million for public universities
  o $400 million for community colleges
  o $300 million for private universities

• $830 million for community development, highlights include:
  o $300 million for park and recreational facilities
  o $150 million for health care facilities
  o $130 million for affordable housing, including projects for veterans and people with disabilities
  o $100 million for museums
  o $100 million for public libraries
  o $50 million for community health center construction

• $2.5 billion for economic development projects, highlights include:
  o $715 million for state facilities
  o $425 million for weatherization and energy efficiency programs
  o $50 million for broadband deployment
  o $38 million for River’s Edge and Brownfield projects to clean up contaminated sites
  o $25 million for Prime Sites program to develop local infrastructure and create jobs
  o $15 million for creation or retention of jobs in economically depressed areas
  o $10 million for fresh food program to bring grocery stores and other fresh food retailers into communities that need them

• $1.3 billion for environmental projects, highlights include:
  o $516 million for the drinking and wastewater revolving loans
  o $250 million for projects such as levees, flood walls and drainage structures
  o $225 million for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
  o $128 million for Army Corp restoration programs
  o $75 million for leaking underground storage tank program
  o $41 million for dam removal and repair
  o $25 million for open land trust program
  o $10 million for dam safety programs
  o $8 million for “mud to parks” park restoration program

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Funding for the $31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! plan will be provided by a combination of state debt, and federal and local matching funds. The 20-year bonds issued to provide funding for the State’s $13 billion share of this six-year capital program will be supported from fee and tax increases listed below:

**Roads and Bridges**

- Road Fund Support
  - Existing monies deposited into the Road Fund will provide up to $150 million per year for the repayment of the debt


- $322 million – Various fee increases for Secretary of State services, including:
  - Certificate of Title fees increase from $65 to $95
  - Transfer of registration fees increase from $15 to $25
  - Passenger and Truck B registration fees increase from $79 to $99
  - Drivers’ license fees increase by $20
  - Fines for overweight trucks double

- $162 million - Tax Revenue Enhancements, including:
  - Sales tax on candy
  - Sales tax on sweetened tea, coffee, grooming and hygiene products
  - Volume tax on wine, spirits and certain beer products

- $300 million - Video Gaming Terminals (once fully implemented)

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