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CHICAGO-- Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) President & CEO Mike Sturino testified Wednesday before the Illinois House Transportation Committee to address the obvious funding issues, decline in purchasing power, and potential solutions to help maintain and expand Illinois' most significant asset -- our transportation network.

Sturino commented on several potential transportation funding solutions -- noting that none of them are perfect, but they should all be on the table. He discussed raising the gas tax, mileage-based user fees (including vehicle miles traveled, or VMT), increasing motor vehicle registration fees (including electric vehicle registration fees), tolling (including managed toll lanes), variable transit fares, public-private partnerships (also referred to as P3), and value capture.

This marks the second time in one month that IRTBA's president has given testimony before the House Transportation Committee. He also gave testimony on April 4 regarding President Donald Trump's infrastructure proposal and its potential effect on Illinois' economy and infrastructure network. IRTBA applauds the Illinois House Transportation Committee for taking a hard look at the facts and involving the cooperative efforts of the transportation industry into their Committee discussions.

"Illinois is blessed in many, many ways. One of those blessings is its geography. Being at the crossroads of our nation, however, is not enough. We have to ensure that we build and maintain a world class transportation system that takes advantage of our location, and creates sustainable economic growth for Illinois and all of its citizens," Sturino said.

About Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association

The Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) has spent 80 years as the leading transportation industry trade association in Illinois. IRTBA member firms design, build, and maintain the state highways, transit systems, railways, and aviation systems. The core purpose of IRTBA's existence is to advance and promote the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois.

