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(ITASCA) -- In November of last year, 80 percent of Illinois' residents approved a measure that required transportation funds to be protected by the Illinois Constitution. That vote sent a clear message -- Illinois citizens know that investing in transportation infrastructure is a major financial priority for the State of Illinois.

"The Illinois Road Transportation and Builders Association (IRTBA) strongly supports expansion of Illinois Route 53 currently under consideration by the Illinois Tollway," said Michael Sturino, President and CEO of IRTBA, "A safe, reliable, and efficient transportation infrastructure network is the lifeblood of this state."

The expansion of Illinois Route 53 will provide significant congestion relief, reduce travel times up to 30 percent, create regional connectivity, and serve as a catalyst for future economic development, according to the Lake County Transportation Alliance.

With expansion and improved mobility comes economic development along the corridor, leading to the creation of direct and indirect jobs, bettering the surrounding communities, and increasing property values.

"The longer we delay and place temporary solutions on long-term problems, the more we're going to further deteriorate as a state," said David Rock, chairman of IRTBA. "The people deserve a solid transportation system," he added.

About Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association

The Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) has spent over 75 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 is to advance and promote the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois.