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*Sen. Sandoval, Industry, Labor, Commerce, Hold Press Conference
Regarding Sustainable Funding Solution for Transportation*



(SPRINGFIELD) - IRTBA Chairman Mark Barkowski participated in a press conference held by **Senator Martin A. Sandoval** Wednesday to unveil new language to HB 3233, which would provide \$2.4 billion in sustainable, annual funding for Illinois' roads, bridges, and transit systems. Chairman Barkowski noted the transportation design and construction industry's support of a long-awaited, long-term funding solution to finance much-needed infrastructure improvements.

"Almost 20 percent of Illinois public roads are in poor condition, the safety of our infrastructure has suffered from lack of investment, and deficiencies are on display across the state. Much of the repair work that has been done is temporary and the time for a permanent fix is now," Barkowski said. "On demand emergency calls for repairs need to be a thing of the past. Short-term Band-Aids are not the answer." Barkowski's testimony concluded with, "Let's start investing in our future and in Illinois."



IRTBA leaders **Julie Chamberlin (Berger Excavating)**, **Rashod Johnson (Ardmore Roderick)**, and **John Kapovich (S&J Construction)** were also present.

An identical version of Sandoval's bill, HB 391, passed out of the House Committee today.

Read Chairman Barkowski's [full testimony here](#) .

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