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**Secretary Explanation:**

**Project in Relation to:**

Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy

**Description of Action:**

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January 29, 2026

## **RE: Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy**

The Illinois General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 0849, establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy (BRC). The BRC consists of 16 members, including legislators, experts, and advocates, and is charged with guiding the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in its ongoing work to maintain a safe, multimodal transportation network and promote the economic vitality of Illinois.

The BRC was assigned 11 duties:

- Review current transportation funding in Illinois.
- Consider new and innovative funding options.
- Evaluate the existing governance of the Illinois transportation system.
- Assess current and future workforce needs.
- Assess current and future data needs.
- Identify opportunities to expedite project approval and completion.
- Consider future transportation trends.
- Improve the impacts of transportation investments.
- Consider enhancements to the performance-based programming system.
- Review multimodal system needs.
- Examine alternative solutions used by other states.

Over the past three years, the BRC has met regularly to conduct a thorough evaluation of these issues and to develop a series of recommendations for the General Assembly.

The BRC concluded its work at the end of 2025 with the development of 27 high-level recommendations organized into five objectives:

1. Accelerate project delivery
2. Expand workforce capacity
3. Maximize the value of investments
4. Promote sustainable outcomes
5. Secure adequate funding resources

On October 21, 2025, the members of the BRC unanimously voted to adopt all 27 recommendations included in the final report.

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The full report is available on [IDOT's website](#), and hard copies can be provided upon request.

IDOT intends to provide updates to the General Assembly on the status of these recommendations during annual appropriation hearings and on our website. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the contents of the report in greater detail, please contact Aaron Gold-Stein, IDOT Director of Legislative Affairs at [aaron.gold-stein@illinois.gov](mailto:aaron.gold-stein@illinois.gov) or 217-557-5432.

Thank you for your continued engagement in helping IDOT deliver the best possible transportation outcomes for the people of our Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gia Biagi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gia" and last name "Biagi" clearly distinguishable.

Gia Biagi  
Blue Ribbon Commission Chair &  
Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation