



2019 Legislative and Transportation Agendas

2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Transportation Bill – It has been almost a decade since the last Illinois Capital Bill was passed. Fully funded transportation infrastructure improvements are necessary for economic growth and development. Should another year pass without a Capital Bill, projects will continue to lag and infrastructure will continue to deteriorate. *The MCCG will continue to aggressively advocate for a fully funded transportation bill at the State and Federal level in support of local transportation projects.*

Pension Reform – Local government Police and Fire Pension costs continue to increase year after year resulting in a significant impact on budgets and a reduction in the ability of local governments to meet financing obligations, fund infrastructure improvements, and provide expected services. *The MCCG will work with other Councils of Governments to support legislative efforts, within the framework of the State Constitution and decisions of the Illinois Supreme Court, to reform the pension system and reduce costs by enacting revisions to actuarial interpretations and required funding levels, employee participation levels, and tier structuring.*

Support the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) and Oppose Unfunded Mandates – The MCCG will continue to work with legislators to stress the importance of LGDF dollars to local government budgets and that any decrease to the LGDF will have a direct impact on the communities they represent. With that, unfunded mandates imposed upon units of local government, coupled with cuts to the LGDF, too often create financial hardships, especially to smaller non-home rule communities with fewer revenue generating options. While the MCCG supports efforts to increase efficiencies and shared services, adequate funding to initiate programs and practices should be identified prior to passage of legislative mandates. *The MCCG will oppose any legislation that requires local governments to do more with less or impose fees that will impact local budgets.*

2019 TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Key Corridor Projects

- IL 47 from US 14 to Charles Road in Woodstock
- IL 31 from IL 176 in Crystal Lake to IL 120 in McHenry
- IL 47 from Reed Road in Huntley to US 14 in Woodstock

Regional Projects for which the MCCG Supports

- IL 31 at Three Oaks Road Intersection Improvements
- IL 47 and IL 176 Intersection Improvements
- Union Pacific Northwest Line New Start Project – Woodstock Rail Yard
- Northern McHenry Fox River Crossing in preparation for the IL 53 Extension into Lake County and connection to US 12 and IL 120
- IL 62 Phase I Study in Barrington Hills
- Randall Road from Ackman Road to Acorn Lane/Polaris Drive