



Pritzker Administration Announces \$110 Million In Rebuild Illinois Funding For Public Ports Across Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) today announced \$110 million in funding from the bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan is available to improve public ports across the state of Illinois. The Department is seeking project proposals to improve public ports and help modernize and revitalize the state’s marine transportation system. Applications are due June 11 to be eligible for a total of \$110 million in funding to be released later this year.

All 19 public port districts in Illinois are eligible to apply. Application information is available by clicking [here](#) or visiting [IDOT’s Illinois Long-Range Transportation Plan page](#). Awards are anticipated to be announced later this year.

“Rebuild Illinois is about investing in the long-term economic success of our state – and our public ports are critical to ensuring Illinois remains an economic engine for the nation,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “Already, Illinois is a global hub for the nation’s commerce and transportation. This funding will allow the state’s ports to build on that status and further establish Illinois as a national hub for the shipping and logistics industry while creating earning opportunities for local residents.”

“Working together with our partners across the various modes of transportation leads to a stronger overall transportation system, creates jobs, improves quality of life and promotes economic opportunity,” said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “Under Gov. Pritzker, IDOT is making smarter, more strategic decisions when planning and programming projects. These grants will serve as another smart investment in our communities.”

The Port Facilities Capital Investment Grant Program coincides with the release of IDOT’s new Illinois Marine Transportation System Plan, which determined the state’s

ports create \$36 billion in economic activity annually and support 160,000 jobs. Grant proposals will be evaluated on their ability to advance the plan's goals and objectives, which prioritize asset management performance-based decisions and projects that benefit disadvantaged or economically distressed areas.

Passed in 2019, the historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois is investing a total of \$33.2 billion over six years into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history, but also the first one that touches all modes of transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

A total of \$150 million is identified in Rebuild Illinois for the state's ports, with \$40 million already committed to a new inland port at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers in Cairo.