

Transportation Package Summary
May 20, 2009

Program Increase (per appropriation bill)

State highways: \$2.801 billion in bonds*
Local highways: \$500 million in bonds
NEIL transit: \$1.8 billion in bonds
Downstate transit: \$200 million in bonds
Intercity passenger rail & rail freight: \$150 million in bonds
CREATE: \$300 million in bonds and \$20 million in Road Funds
Airports: \$20 million in bonds

*In addition, \$310 million in bonds from the mini-cap bill are appropriated.

Revenues

Registration for Cars & Pickups--	Up \$20 from \$78 to \$98
Registration for Ceremonial Plates--	Up \$20 from \$78 to \$98
Certificate of Title Fees	Up \$30 from \$65 to \$95
Registration Transfer Fees	Up \$10 from \$15 to \$25
Fees for Driver's License and Renewals--	Up \$20 from \$10 to \$30
Penalties for Overweight Trucks--	Doubled
Prohibits Diversion of Road Funds to Secretary of State and State Police Ops--	
	\$245 million (estimate for FY2010)

Other Provisions

Places all increased revenues in a Capital Projects Fund whose proceeds can only be used for capital projects and/or debt service.
Raises truck limits to 80,000 pounds on local roads.
Allocates 46.7% of the new state highway funds to NE IL.
Increases annual transfer to Grade Crossing Protection Fund by \$15 million (from \$27 million to \$42 million). Allows use of funding for improving grade crossing surfaces and maintaining four-quadrant gates at crossings not on a high-speed rail line.
Appropriates local funding increase among municipalities, counties and townships in accord with historic allocations, but does not provide any formula for suballocating the funds within each appropriation. The funds are for "grants."

Note: The new program appropriations from bonds exceed the new bond authorizations by a substantial amount.