

# TOI Newsletter



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## A Message from the President

**Chris Kain**

**TOI President**

**Assessor (Addison Twp./DuPage Co.).**

The past few months have been active at the Township Officials of Illinois. The Board of Directors and staff have been involved in multiple legislative issues with an effort to preserve TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT in Illinois. What I have observed most notable is how active and effective our members can be when called upon. We have been utilizing legislative alerts as well as in person contacts through our lobby day event held in April at one of the busiest legislative weeks of the season. Many of our members attended from across the state and were able to connect with their individual legislators effectively. Members of the Illinois General Assembly appreciate our dedication and quick to action response when needed.

Staff and I were also able to take our local government initiatives to Washington DC in May this year for an annual fly-in held with the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT). We traveled with 12 Illinois township officials and made quite an impact with our Illinois congressional leaders. Overall, the goals and objectives of local government were heard regarding federal initiative and how they impact Illinois. Together with eight (8) other states we delivered an efficient and effective TOWNS and TOWNSHIPS message to members of Congress.

The work that we all do contributes overall to preserving local government in Illinois. I am proud to serve as your association President and look forward to continuing the delivery of our associations goals and objectives where needed. I also encourage all of you to join us and become an effective township leader in your community. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Educational Conference in November. Registration information is available at TOI.org.

*Chris Kain*  
TOI President



## From The Executive Director

**Jerry B. Crabtree**

**TOI Executive Director**



The past few months have been full of opportunities for township government. The association has been actively involved in legislative matters both at home with the Illinois General Assembly and in Washington DC with the Illinois Congressional delegation. Here in Springfield, we held our internal review of legislative matters impacting township government including our own legislative agenda. This was shadowed by the defense tactics needed for legislative matters like prevailing wage and other impacts on the day-to-day operational aspects of township government.

The implementation of the guidelines of the Decennial Committee has taken a front seat. Please visit our website [toi.org](http://toi.org) for information and sample compliance forms. This is important to the future of township government as it will view in the rear-view mirror of the past efficiencies measured by the townships themselves. We encourage compliance from all townships in each county because it is important to speak about the positive efficient aspects of your township. We hope that all townships across our great state will complete their report on time to support township government statewide. [Visit our page on the Decennial Committee.](#)

This newsletter and the members only section of the website are recent additions to your member experience. The TOI Board of Directors and Staff hope that you take full advantage of these and many other services provided by your association.

I hope that you have a great summer and enjoy the many activities planned for your local government community. Remember that it is our communities that need us most and your participation at the local government level (township) is valued a great deal.

*Jerry B. Crabtree*  
Executive Director

# 2023 Scholarship Winners

Each year since 1989, the Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors to continue their education at Illinois colleges/universities. This year, TOI had over 120 applicants, a nearly 200% increase from last year.

## **LILY DAUGHTERY, OF WOOD RIVER TOWNSHIP (MADISON CO.)**

**(Interviewed Wood River Township (Madison Co.) Township Clerk and TOI 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sherry Tite).**

Lily was an avid student while attending Roxana Senior High School, taking part of the National Honors Society, Student Council, and Student Ambassadors. She also found time to be a member of the Riverbend Growth Association's Young Adults Committee, and the Saturday Scholars. On top of all that, Lily was also an athlete: playing Varsity Volleyball and competing in Varsity Track, as well as taking part in Xtreme Team. Lily plans to attend Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville and study Nutrition.

## **AIDAN SUBACZ, OF VERNON TOWNSHIP (LAKE CO.)**

**(Interviewed Vernon Township (Lake Co.) Township Clerk Tim Kobler).**

While attending Adlai E. Stevenson High School, he took part in many activities, including Swim Team, Varsity History Bowl, and Students Helping Soldiers Club. Aidan was active in his township, he worked as Pool Lifeguard and Team Lead. He also has an interest in politics, he was a 2022 Intern for State Representative Daniel Didech, Young Ambassador Board Member for State's Attorney Eric Rinehart, and a 2022 Lake County Student Election Judge. Aidan plans to attend the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign and study History and Political Science.

## **LILLIAN SHAW, OF FORT RUSSELL TOWNSHIP (MADISON CO.)**

**(Interviewed Fort Russell Township (Madison Co.) Highway Commissioner Todd Shaw).**

Lillian was a very active student at Civic Memorial High School, taking part in Spanish National Honors Society, Eagle Nation Community Outreach, Radio Broadcasting Club, Yearbook Club, Media Club, National Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, and Freshmentors. She was also a student athlete, taking part in the Varsity Football Cheer team and the Varsity Competitive Cheer team. Lillian plans to attend the University of Illinois – Chicago and study Political Science on the pre-law track.

## **JACKSON FRICKE, OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP (LOGAN CO.)**

**(Interviewed Chester Township (Logan Co.) Highway Commissioner Nathan Applegate).**

While attending Mount Pulaski High School, Jackson was a very involved student. He was a member of the Student Council serving as Vice President, Class Officer, National Honor Society. Jackson was also an athlete, playing Golf, Baseball, and Basketball all four years. Jackson plans to attend Illinois College and study Agricultural Business.



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## Welcome New TOI Board Members Appointed for 2023!



**Amanda Bean**

Supervisor

Mt. Vernon Twp. (Jefferson Co.)



**Jeff Castle**

Trustee

Milton Twp. (DuPage Co.)



**Jacqueline Stewart**

Trustee

Bloom Twp. (Cook Co.)

The association congratulates our newest TOI Board Members. **Amanda Bean**, Supervisor (Mt. Vernon Twp./Jefferson Co.), **Jeff Castle**, Trustee (Milton Twp./DuPage Co.), **Jacqueline Stewart**, Trustee (Bloom Twp./Cook Co.).

**Your leadership and commitment to township government is appreciated!**

# Legislative Update

The 103rd Illinois General Assembly is currently wrapping up with a scheduled/predated adjournment of May 19, 2023, and below is the list of bills we have been closely watching cross the finish line. We are happy with the overall outcome of legislation we were supporting, opposing and working with other stakeholders to make it as palatable to our members as possible. The TOI Legislative team monitored over 160 bills out of a total of 2587 Senate and 4095 House bills introduced. A Full report is planned for the August issue of **Township Perspective**.

## **HB1465- Bid Threshold**

*House Sponsors: Rep. Tony M. McCombie - Curtis J. Tarver, II, Dennis Tipsword, Jr. and Brad Stephens*  
*Senate Sponsor: Sen. Neil Anderson and David Koehler*

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. In provisions concerning the performance of functions by the highway commissioner of a road district, provides that, except for professional services, when the cost of construction, materials, supplies, new machinery, or equipment exceeds \$30,000 (instead of \$20,000), the contract for such construction, materials, supplies, machinery or equipment shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder if specified conditions are met. Effective immediately.

**Current Status:** Passed Both Houses. Waiting for Governor JB Pritzker's signature.

## **HB2781**

*House Sponsors: Rep. Jay Hoffman - Norine K. Hammond - Ryan Spain, Joe C. Sosnowski, Matt Hanson, Travis Weaver, Dan Swanson, Wayne A Rosenthal, Charles Meier, Jennifer Sanalitra, Dan Ugaste and Bradley Fritts*

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that the General Assembly shall annually appropriate to the Department of Transportation \$60,000,000 (instead of \$15,000,000) for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts for the construction of bridges 20 feet or more in length. Provides that funds that are not obligated within 72 (instead of 48) months shall revert to the Road Fund. Effective immediately.

**Current Status:** Currently assigned to a House subcommittee.

## **HB3424- General Assistance Bill**

*House Sponsors: Rep. Kevin John Olickal - Curtis J. Tarver, II - Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz - Maurice A. West, II - Daniel Didech, Katie Stuart, Suzanne M. Ness, Diane Blair-Sherlock, Hoan Huynh, Robyn Gabel, Gregg Johnson and Camille Y. Lilly*  
*Senate Sponsors: Sen. Ram Villivalam - Cristina Castro, Laura Fine, Rachel Ventura and Sally J. Turner*

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township's board may either expend funds directly or may enter into any cooperative agreement or contract with specified entities to provide its residents with health services, including mental, behavioral, eye, dental, or other healthcare. Provides that the township board may approve the application of a different, publicly available, professional or academically recognized standard of need in determining eligibility for subsidized day care. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that persons shall not be determined ineligible for case assistance under the General Assistance Article of the Code based upon a conviction for any drug-related felony under State or federal law. In provisions concerning the General Assistance program, permits a local government unit to provide assistance to households under its General Assistance program following a disaster proclamation issued by the Governor if the local governmental unit is within the area designated under the proclamation. Provides that a local governmental unit may provide assistance under its General Assistance program under a service that complies with specified provisions of the Township Code. Provides that before a local government provides assistance, the board of the local government shall approve the expenditures of such assistance.

## **House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Further amends the General Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. In a provision permitting a local governmental unit to provide General Assistance under one of the township services authorized under the Township Code, requires the board of the local governmental unit to adopt a policy providing which township services are eligible for General Assistance.

**Current Status:** Passed both Houses and waiting for

Governor JB Pritzker signature.

**SB895- Prevailing Wage**

*Senate Sponsors: Sen. Michael W. Halpin*

*House Sponsors: Rep. Gregg Johnson*

Replaces everything after the enacting clause.

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that a county shall not construct, reconstruct, improve, widen, relocate, repair, alter, or maintain a highway, road, street, alley, bridge, culvert, drainage structure, sidewalk, bicycle path, parking lot, driveway, or any other transportation-related facility that is outside of its county’s boundaries unless such construction, reconstruction, improvement, widening, relocation, repair, alteration, or maintenance is part of the county highway system, is jointly performed with another county through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement, or is provided as necessary relief services following the occurrence of a disaster. Provides that a road district shall not construct, reconstruct, improve, widen, relocate, repair, alter, or maintain a highway, road, street, alley, bridge, culvert, drainage structure, sidewalk, bike path, parking lot, driveway, or any other transportation-related facility that is outside of its county’s boundaries unless such construction, reconstruction, improvement, widening, relocation, repair, alteration, or maintenance is part of the

township and district road system, in an adjacent road district, is jointly performed with another road district through the sharing of road equipment pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement, or provided as necessary relief services following the occurrence of a disaster. Provides that a municipality shall not construct, reconstruct, improve, widen, relocate, repair, alter, or maintain a highway, road, street, alley, bridge, culvert, drainage structure, sidewalk, bike path, parking lot, driveway, or any other transportation-related facility that is outside of its county’s boundaries unless such construction, reconstruction, improvement, widening, relocation, repair, alteration, or maintenance is part of the municipal street system (rather than within its corporate limits), in an adjacent municipality, or provided as necessary relief services following the occurrence of a disaster. Provides that the term “maintain” or “maintenance” does not include mowing, gravel reclamation, snow removal or the application of salt, sand, or any other substance applied for the purpose of improving the safety of vehicular or pedestrian traffic in response to the presence or prediction of ice or snow.

**Senate Amendment No. 4**

**Current Status:** Passed the Senate on May 11th, 2023 and sent to the House Transportation Committee.



# Lobby Day Recap

**Brad Ruppert**

**TOI Director of Member Services**

One of the core functions of TOI is a lobbying entity, and the second quarter of 2023 brought us a few different opportunities for township officials and TOI staff and members to get together as a group and convey our collective voices to our local and federal legislators and convey a sense of unity and a platform to move townships and local governments forward.

On April 26th, over 175 members gathered throughout Springfield, IL for the 41<sup>st</sup> TOI Lobby Day: a day of action, speeches, receptions, and networking. As a first timer for TOI Lobby Day, I couldn’t have been prouder by the turnout, activism, great conversation and fun that was had by all. Our members came, they engaged, and they made sure their local members of the Illinois General Assembly knew the issues that were important to them and how they hoped their members would vote on certain issues.

A special thanks to our featured Speakers, Illinois Treasurer Michael Fredrich’s, Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannulias and to Illinois Governor JB Pritzker for a video in support of township government. They all pointed out the important work done on the local level and conveyed their support for what it is you do as elected officials and what TOI does as a group for township government statewide.

We’d like to thank everyone who made the trip to Springfield and encourage everyone who couldn’t make it this year to hopefully attend our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lobby Day in 2024. We look forward to an even better turnout next year!





Attendees of the 41<sup>st</sup>  
TOI Lobby Day



TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree and Republican Leader Sen. John Curran (R-41).



Rep. Dave Severin (R-116), Assistant Republican Leader Rep. John Cabello (R-90), Deputy Republican Leader Rep. Norine Hammond (R-93), Republican Leader Rep. Tony McCombie (R-89), TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree, and Rep. Patrick Windhorst (R-117).



Assessor and TOI President Chris Kain (Addison Twp., DuPage Co.), Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, and Highway Commissioner and TOI Secretary Arnold Vegter (Union Grove Twp., Whiteside Co.).



Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, Assessor and TOI President Chris Kain (Addison Twp., DuPage Co.), and Highway Commissioner and TOI Secretary Arnold Vegter (Union Grove Twp., Whiteside Co.).



# NATaT Round Up

**Brad Ruppert**

TOI Director of Member Services

After a three-year absence, a delegation of twelve TOI members and staff descended on the nation’s capital in mid-May for an action-packed week of meetings, seminars, and educational events. NATaT stands for The National Association of Towns and Townships and is the voice for more than 13,000 towns and townships across America. NATaT seeks to partner with the federal government to ensure that public laws, policies, regulations, and resources support the role in fostering local democracy.

A Tuesday seminar and reception with the 8 other NATaT states featured guest speakers talking about federal issues such as the pending Farm Bill, cyber security, and infrastructure. Our Illinois delegation spent Wednesday on Capitol Hill meeting with our Illinois federal legislators, including the staff of U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth. Representatives Jonathan Jackson (D-1st District), Rep. Robin Kelly (D-2nd District), Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-13th District), Rep. Mary Miller (R-15th District), and Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-17th District).

TOI would personally like to thank all the members and their staff who took the time to sit down with our delegation and talk about federal issues that affect local governments.

Use the links below to see some of the topics that were in discussion.

[NATaT Federal Platform](#)

[NATaT Transportation Priorities](#)

[NATaT Telecom Priorities](#)

[NATaT Farm Bill Priorities](#)

[NATaT Tax Priorities](#)

[Talking Points for NATaT Advocacy](#)



**L to R Back Row:** Arnold Vegter, Mickey Goral, Brad Ruppert, Jim Donelan, Jerry B. Crabtree, Chuck Layer. **L to R Front Row:** Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-13), Sherry Tite, and Danny Hanning.



TOI’s NATaT Fly-in group at Capital Hill! **L to R:** Chuck Layer, Calvin Jordan, Danny Hanning, Arnold Vegter, Jim Donelan, Sherry Tite, Christopher Kain, Mickey Goral, Sherrill Knorr, Joe Stanfa, Jerry B. Crabtree, and Brad Ruppert.



Arnold Vegter, Brad Ruppert, Sherrill Knorr, Chuck Layer, Joe Stanfa, Sherry Tite, Rep. Mary Miller (R-15), Jerry B. Crabtree, Danny Hanning, and Chris Kain.





Mickey Goral, Jerry B. Crabtree, Brad Ruppert, Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-17), Christopher Kain, Chuck Layer, and Arnold Vegter.



Joe Stanfa, Christopher Kain, Rep. Robin Kelly (D-2), Sherrill Knorr, and Calvin Jordan



Chuck Layer, Christopher Kain, Joe Stanfa, Jerry B. Crabtree, Calvin Jordan, Rep. Jonathan Jackson (D-1), Sherrill Knorr, Sherry Tite, Danny Hanning, Brad Ruppert, Jim Donelan, Mickey Goral, and Arnold Vegter.

## 2023 Scholarship Winners

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### **PAIGE REWERTS, OF ESSEX TOWNSHIP (STARK CO.)**

#### **(Interviewed Essex Township (Stark Co.) Township Clerk Phil Daum).**

Paige was a very engaged student while attending Stark County High school. She was on the Student Council, Class President, the Principal's Executive Committee. She was an athlete as well, playing Basketball, on the Track Team, and running Cross Country. Paige was also a performing, spending four years in Honors Choir and taking part in the school Musical all four years. Paige plans to attend Elmhurst University and study Biology on the pre-Physical Therapy track.

### **ANNIKA SLACHERT, OF BLACKBERRY TOWNSHIP (KANE CO.)**

#### **(Interviewed Campton Township (Kane Co.) Assessor Alan Rottmann).**

While attending Kaneland High School, was involved in many activities, including National Honors Society, Global Cultures Club, and World Languages Club. She played on both the Junior Varsity and Varsity Tennis teams. Annika received the honor of Illinois State Scholar and the 2022 Varsity Tennis MVP. Annika plans to attend Northern Illinois University and study Management with a focus in entrepreneurship and social responsibility.

### **ZACH CARLSON, OF BIG GROVE TOWNSHIP (KENDALL CO.)**

#### **(Interviewed Big Grove Township (Kendal Co.) Trustee Dave Holman).**

Zach had a lively experience while attending Newark High School, playing Basketball, Baseball, Golf, taking part in Bass Fishing, and Track. Zach was also a member of Future Farmers of America and 4-H. Zach plans to attend Joliet Junior College and study Fire Science/EMS.

### **GRACE BAILEY, OF CITY OF CHAMPAIGN TOWNSHIP (CHAMPAIGN CO.)**

#### **(Interviewed Champaign Township (Champaign Co.) Trustee Erwin Hoffman).**

While attending Judah Christian School, Grace was an active student. She received many academic awards including the 2019 Academic Excellence in Mathematics award, 2020 Most Distinguished in English Award, 2021 Academic Excellence in Geometry Award, 20-21 ACSI Outstanding Achievements in Fine Arts Award, 21-22 ACSI Outstanding Achievements in Academics Award, 2022 Judah Christian Leeuwenhoek Award for exceptional curiosity and academic achievement in Biology, 2023 Illinois Scholar. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. Grace plans to go to Parkland College and study Business.

# Quarter 2 Calendar of upcoming events:

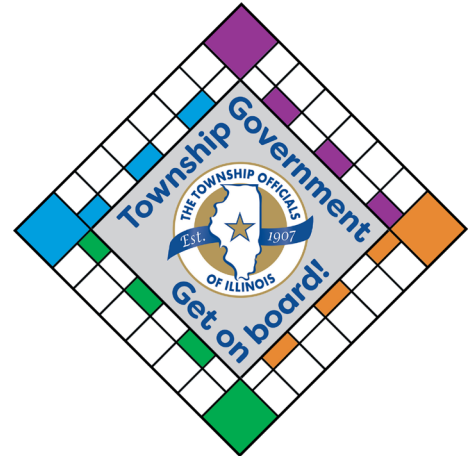
Our first Education Event will be held on June 8th, 2023 in Normal, IL. For more information and sign up information, follow the link: <https://www.toi.org/Event/148959/Education-District-Event-BloomingtonNormal/event-details/>

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**ACTIVITY AND RECREATION CENTER**  
**600 E WILLOW STREET**  
**NORMAL, IL 61761**

Registration is \$50 per location, per person or \$400/township for up to nine attendees. On-site registration is \$75 per person. No refunds will be given once TOI has confirmed attendance with venue.

For other June Education opportunities, please visit <https://www.toi.org/events/>

Don't forget, Early Bird registration for the 2023 TOI Fall Conference is open. This year's theme is **Township Government - Get On Board!** Join us in Springfield November 12-14, 2023. Follow the link below to register now! <https://www.toi.org/Event/148987/116th-Annual-Educational-Conference/event-details/>



Cover Photo

## CONTEST

**Criteria Photo Contest :**

01. Township Related
02. Your Own Photo
03. Brief Story of Importance

Submit to  
[kayla@toi.org](mailto:kayla@toi.org) by  
August 1, 2023

**TAKE A CHANCE TO BE  
FEATURED  
ON THE SEPTEMBER  
2023 COVER**

Runner-ups will be featured inside



# Policy Report

Illinois Association of County Board Members • Township Officials of Illinois • Appropriations



THIS POLICY REPORT FOCUSES ON THE STATE BUDGET AND ADVOCATING FOR INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIDGE FUNDS.

The Illinois Association of County Board Members along with the Illinois Association of County Engineers and Township Officials of Illinois are working to increase the state's annual appropriation to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for bridge funds. House Bill 2781, currently held, provides that the General Assembly shall annually appropriate \$60,000,000 (instead of \$15,000,000) for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts for construction of bridges. *Please contact your lawmakers to request an increase to IDOT for the Township Bridge Program in the state budget (BIMP).*

The Illinois Township Bridge Program (TBP) is a legislated (605 ILCS 5/6-901) fund designated for the construction and maintenance of bridges on the Township Highway System. There are 12,165 bridges in Illinois under the jurisdiction of the 1429 Illinois Townships. The program was initiated in 1979 with an annual allocation of \$15 million. This year, 43 years after the program was instituted, the annual allocation from the Illinois Road Fund remains at \$15M per year.

Since the implementation of the program, the number of deficient Township bridges has consistently decreased from a high of 6063 bridges in 1980 to 2021 total of 1624 deficient Township bridges. While significant progress has been made, more than one out of every ten Township bridges is still classified as deficient.

Over the past 43 years, the \$15 million allocation has lost significant purchasing power. Since 1980, the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index (CCI) has risen from 3,237 to 13,175, an increase of over 300%. In other words, the TBP appropriation of \$15 million in 1980 would equate to a TBP appropriation of \$3.69 million today. The TBP program has lost nearly 75% of its buying power. Based strictly on the referenced Construction Cost Index, an annual 2023 appropriation of \$60 million to the TBP program would be necessary to meet the original program funding level. However, the 2023 needs of Township Bridges across the state are greater yet.

The two most common revenue sources utilized in the replacement of township bridges are the TBP program and local property taxes. The \$15 million annual TBP program can fund up to 80% of the cost of the bridge replacement and other sources are used to complete the funding. Most counties use local property taxes to match the remaining 20%, while other counties use a combination of local funds and Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds. For many counties, the HBP funds are the only additional source of revenue to replace county bridges so the use of HBP funding for township bridges can be to a detriment to the county bridge system.

Results from a previous Illinois Association of County Engineers TBP survey determined that the average lifespan of township bridges before they become deficient is approximately 55 years. Given this lifespan, 221 township bridges should be replaced across the State of Illinois per annum to prevent even more

bridges from becoming deficient. This replacement rate would not decrease the number of existing deficient Township bridges in Illinois, it would only keep the current deficiencies in check.

Using the latest IDOT average cost of bridge construction, and an engineering cost estimate of 15%, the annual cost to replace the 221 Township bridges would be \$97.9 million. Even if you ignore the engineering costs, which are real and substantial, and the local share costs of 20% of construction, the need is still over \$60 million annually. This lifecycle bridge replacement cost greatly exceeds today's investment level in Township bridges.

In addition, it has become increasingly difficult for local agencies to be able to afford the local share of costs of structures as property taxes have not increased at the same rate as the cost of construction. One method of addressing this shortfall is to reduce or eliminate the local match requirement on TBP projects; while we support this change, we recognize this would result in TBP funding not being able to complete as many projects, increasing the TBP need even more. Unfortunately, with many Townships already levying at the maximum rate and most experiencing stagnant growth, it is our opinion that it is necessary in order for Townships to be able to afford to complete these projects.

Finally, it is essential that an increase in TBP funding take place as soon as possible. The program is 43 years old which means that we are going to start to see many bridges that were built during the infancy of the program need to be replaced themselves over the next 10 years. In fact, bridges are already beginning to be replaced that were unable to endure a lifespan of even 43 years. At current funding levels, we can't replace the bridges at the same rate they were constructed at the beginning of the program. If these needs are not adequately addressed, the anticipated increase in deficient bridges could reflect poorly on IDOT to the Federal Government as the administrator of the NBIS program for the State of Illinois.



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