



2018 Legislative and Transportation Agendas

2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Pension Reform – For years, local governments have seen Police and Fire Pension costs skyrocket 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.*

Unfunded Mandates - Unfunded mandates imposed upon units of local government 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 at all levels of government, 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.*

Point of Destination Internet Sales Tax - With the increase in Internet sales, many units of local government are experiencing a reduction in municipal sales tax revenue. Taxing Internet sales the same way a bricks and mortar store is taxed would return this revenue to local units. *The MCCG will work with legislators to enact a point of destination Internet sales tax in an effort to return sales tax dollars back to communities for the benefit of both local governments and taxpayers.*

Transportation Bill - Reduced funding for IDOT construction projects in the approved State budget is a set-back for a number of priority highway projects with significant impact on local and State economies. The State of Illinois has been without a comprehensive, visionary Transportation Bill for far too long. It is essential for both Congress and the General Assembly to aggressively forward and dedicate funds for transportation infrastructure projects in support of local, state and national economic growth. *The MCCG will aggressively advocate for a fully funded transportation bill at State and Federal level in support of local transportation projects.*

2018 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 47 and IL 176 Intersection Improvements
- Union Pacific Northwest Line New Start Projects
- 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

