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Annual Local Capital Investment Will Repair Infrastructure, Create Jobs

CHICAGO – June 23, 2011. Governor Pat Quinn today announced a \$100 million capital investment to address local transportation needs and put people to work throughout Illinois. The \$100 million in *Illinois Jobs Now!* funding will be distributed to local officials to repair municipal, township and county infrastructure, and improve public safety.

“The important capital investment will help communities throughout our state to address their infrastructure needs directly and create jobs at the same time,” said Governor Quinn. “Our local communities are the backbone of Illinois and need to stay strong and keep our economic recovery going.”

Today’s announcement is through the six-year, \$31 billion *Illinois Jobs Now!* program and represents the second of five \$100 million annual investments to fund municipal, township and county projects statewide. Projects will be selected and managed locally, with the Illinois Department of Transportation providing oversight. The types of projects that will be performed include street and bridge maintenance, upgraded traffic signals, new storm sewers and bike paths, sidewalk replacement and pothole repairs. A complete list is available at www.dot.il.gov/blr/mftbooklet.pdf

“We are extremely proud to work with our communities so they can fix their roads and bridges and address other needed projects,” Illinois Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig said. “This

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local component of the Governor's capital program will not only stimulate the economy and create jobs, but improve the quality of life of residents for years to come."

The local component of *Illinois Jobs Now!* is distributed to local governments based on the same formula as the state motor fuel tax. The funding announced today will boost the annual distribution of the motor fuel tax by 17 percent. A breakdown of the distribution of the \$100 million by county, road district and municipality is available through an interactive map at www.dot.il.gov/FY2011/map.aspx

Illinois Jobs Now! is the largest construction program in state history. Under the direction of Governor Quinn, the Illinois Department of Transportation from 2009 through the end of 2010 invested approximately \$7 billion to repair or rebuilt 4,800 miles of roads and more than 500 bridges, creating an estimated 135,000 jobs. This momentum is continuing with more than \$2.5 billion in road construction projects scheduled for in 2011.

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