



# McHenry County

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## Division of Transportation

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### Press Release

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**SUBJECT:** McHenry County Highway Improvement Program 2009-2013

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The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) has proposed a 2009-2013 Highway Improvement Program for County Board approval. The draft program can be found at <http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/common/CountyDpt/highway/default.asp>.

The five-year program represents McHenry County's continued commitment to help alleviate travel constraints while meeting its obligation to preserve and protect the taxpayers' investment in transportation infrastructure. The annual five-year program is part of the process to provide greater definition to the broad goals and objectives contained in the McHenry County Long-Range Transportation Plan. This in turn informs the annual budgeting process for the McHenry County Division of Transportation.

Over the next 5 years, an estimated \$247,000,000 for 85 projects to be undertaken by the McHenry County Division of Transportation. This work includes County Highway maintenance, winter operations, and pavement preservation. It includes funding to add new lanes to Rakow and Charles J. Miller roads, adding a center left turn lane to Johnsburg and Walkup roads, and the construction of a commuter park-and-ride lot at the intersection of Virginia Road and Illinois Route 31. It also includes the replacement of 17 bridges and the engineering work to replace 9 other bridges.

Funding for this program comes from six main funding sources, the State Motor Fuel Tax, the County Option Motor Fuel Tax, the County Bridge and Matching Fund Levees, the State Regional Transportation Authority Sales Tax Allocation, and Federal funding sources. Last year, Motor Fuel Taxes (MFT) receipts decreased by 6%; and, County Option Motor Fuel receipts decreased by 9%.

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