

Federal Highway Administration
Every Day Counts
Innovation Initiative



State Transportation Innovation Leadership Team - Illinois
Team Charter
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Objective of State Transportation Innovation Leadership Team (STILT):

As a representative body of select transportation stakeholders in Illinois, serve as an experienced forum for initiating and overseeing the rapid deployment of innovative strategies and technologies to accelerate transportation project delivery and to enhance project quality and effectiveness with the goal of making the innovations routine practice.

STILT Membership:

- IDOT Deputy Secretary for Project Implementation (Co-Team Leader), Omer Osman
- IDOT Deputy Secretary for Program Development, Aaron Weatherholt
- IDOT Director of Highways Project Implementation, Paul Loete
- IDOT Director of Program Development, Priscilla Tobias
- IDOT Director of Planning and Programming, Roger Driskell
- IDOT Bureau Chief of Research, LaDonna Rowden
- FHWA Division Administrator (Co-Team Leader), Kay Batey
- FHWA Assistant Division Administrator, Glenn Fulkerson
- Associated General Contractors of Illinois, Bill Frey
- American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois, Jeff Ball
- Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association, Mike Sturino
- Illinois Association of County Engineers, Carl Schoedel
- Illinois Center for Transportation, Imad L. Al-Qadi
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Sheldon Fairfield
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ken Westlake
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Donna Jones
- Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Rocco Zucchero
- Chicago Department of Transportation, Dan Burke
- Local Technical Assistance Program, Salmon Danmole
- APWA Illinois Chapter, Matt Heyen
- American Traffic Safety Services Association, Illinois Chapter, Michael Conoscenti

Background:

The Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative, the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2), and other programs are designed to bring a focus on new ideas and better ways to more quickly deliver transportation to America. They focus on using proven marketing approaches and dedicated teams to deploy innovations faster and more effectively. Additionally, these programs provide IDOT with incentives to try innovations to build highways and bridges, or to demonstrate the use of new highway tools, techniques, processes and training to create culture change within the organization.

A key component of implementing new technology is an Illinois-based network for the deployment of innovation consisting of representatives from various levels of the highway transportation community. The State Transportation Innovation Leadership Team (STILT) for Illinois serves as the forum to consider which innovations are most appropriate for the State. The council decides the number of innovations to adopt and sets the pace for implementation.

Team Member Responsibilities:

Provide input on the initiatives to be pursued, determine applicability to Illinois, appoint agency and industry representatives to the deployment teams, and establish performance goals to measure success. Select activities to be funded under the State Transportation Innovative Council Incentive Program. Render STILT decisions by the consensus of all participating members subject to the concurrence of the IDOT and FHWA co-team leaders.

Meeting Schedule:

The STILT will meet as needed, but will strive to meet on a quarterly basis.

Resources:

Staff support for the STILT will be provided by IDOT, and, FHWA. Travel funding for the STILT and the implementation teams may be available from FHWA.

Time Frames:

The STILT will be an on-going team and will only be disbanded upon agreement of the two co-team leaders.