



## Illinois Bridges: The Facts at a Glance

- Structurally deficient IDOT owned bridges have increased by 20 percent since 2003 (Source: FHWA Bridge Data)
  - 2003 Structurally deficient IDOT bridges = 552
  - 2006 structurally deficient IDOT bridges = 661
- 8.7 percent of IDOT bridges are structurally deficient (Source: FHWA Bridge Data)
  - IDOT ranks 31<sup>st</sup> in the nation when ranking states by the fewest structurally deficient state DOT bridges
- Budget cuts have forced IDOT to reduce state bridge improvements by 48percent over the last three years compared to the previous three-year period (Source: IDOT For The Record reports)
  - Annual average state bridge improvements FY 2001- 2003 = 256
  - Annual average state bridge improvements FY 2004 -2006 = 132
- Local governments need more state help
  - 13.2 percent of municipal bridges are structurally deficient (higher than IDOT's percentage)
  - Although counties have fewer structurally deficient bridges than IDOT, county structurally deficient bridges increased by 8percent since 2003
  - 9.9percent of township bridges are structurally deficient (higher than IDOT's percentage)
    - The Township Bridge Program has never been increased for inflation since its inception
- General Assembly should consider increasing IDOT's bridge repair/replacement program by \$1 billion over five years to place Illinois at the average percentage of structurally deficient of the 20 best states.
  - Double Township Bridge Program to \$30 million annually
  - Establish new County and Municipal bridge programs at \$30 million annually.