



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

2019 City of Peoria Legislative Agenda

January 8, 2019

Requests for Direct Sponsorship

- **Joint Request – Sales and Use Tax Reform:** Reform sales and use taxes related to internet / online sales. Specifically, converting online sales tax collection from a point-of-origin to a point-of-destination methodology.
- **City Request – Broaden Sales Tax Base:** Taxing services (in addition to goods) would increase state and local revenues, bring Illinois in line with most other states, and allow localities to lower home rule sales tax rates on goods.
- **City Request – Public Safety Pension Reform:** Support common sense reforms for the public safety pension system, including adoption of a 30-year rolling amortization period and allowing Police and Fire pension boards the ability to make investments similar to IMRF. Support consolidation of all downstate police and fire pension funds into a downstate police pension fund and downstate fire pension fund that treats each municipal obligation separate and unique, but consolidates investment responsibility into one entity.

Request for Position Support

- **Joint Request - Illinois Fiscal Concerns:** Support efforts that protect and enhance existing revenue base of local governments in the face of increasing pressure to use traditionally local revenues to bridge the State budget gap.
- **Joint Request - Walkable Urban Areas:** Funnel the local share of State Motor Fuel Taxes directly to municipalities or require IDOT to comply with local design guidelines and policies when rehabilitating infrastructure. **(PCCHD endorses through BOH HiAP)**
- **City Request - Preserve Home Rule Powers:** Support efforts to preserve home rule authority when drafting statewide legislations (i.e. cannabis, video gambling, etc.)
- **City Request – Abandoned Property Process** – Support change to Abandoned Property legislation to allow municipalities to petition the Court to declare vacant lots abandoned similar to the process for vacant abandoned structures.
- **City Request – Tax Buyer Fees** – Sponsor legislation to implement a non-refundable fee when taxes are purchased through the County tax auction that would be specifically earmarked for blight removal efforts related to demolition and lot maintenance for abandoned properties.
- **City Request – Blight Task Force Recommendations** – Support Illinois Housing Development Authority’s recommendations from Blight Task Force related to allowing counties and municipalities to recoup costs related to Trustee property maintenance from auction proceeds.

City of Peoria Capital Projects

Horizontal Construction

City Projects

- 1) **West Main Street:** Support funding for the rehabilitation of West Main Street from Farmington Road to Washington Street, \$20M (Districts 1 and 2).
- 2) **Pioneer Parkway:** Support funding for the rehabilitation of Pioneer Parkway from Knoxville to Allen Rd, \$12M (District 5).
- 3) **Glen Avenue:** Support funding for the rehabilitation of Glen Avenue from University to War Memorial Drive, \$12M (District 4).
- 4) **Allen Road:** Support funding for the rehabilitation of Allen Road War Memorial Drive to Willow Knolls, \$12M (District 4 and 5)
- 5) **Commercial Street:** Extension of Commercial Street from Oak to Persimmon, \$2.2M (District 1)

State Projects

- 1) **Western Avenue:** Support funding to reconstruct Western Avenue from Farmington Road to Lincoln (State Project – Districts 1 and 2).
- 2) **Adams and Jefferson:** Support funding to convert Adams and Jefferson to two-way traffic from Bryan St. northeast to the convergence of the streets (District 1).
- 3) **Knoxville Avenue:** Support funding for the reconstruction of Knoxville Avenue from Pennsylvania to McClure (State Project - District 2 and 3)
- 4) **Sterling and War Memorial Intersection:** Support funding to reconstruct the intersection of Sterling and War Memorial (State Project District 4).
- 5) **Pedestrian Infrastructure on State Routes:** Support funding for construction of pedestrian infrastructure on existing state routes, especially War Memorial/150 and Knoxville (State Routes Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5).

Vertical Construction

- 1) **Parking Structure:** Support funding for a Parking Structure in the Warehouse District, \$9M (District 1)
- 2) **Fire Station / Community Center:** Support funding for a new South Side Fire Station/Community Center, \$5M (District 1)
- 3) **Ameren Substation relocation at Sterling:** Support funding to relocate the Ameren Substation from Sterling Avenue, \$2M (District 4)