Future Challenges For Transportation

- Transportation Funding
  - State Level - Tax Burden Issues
  - Federal Level - Reauthorization Debate

- Need to Rebuild the Interstate System
  - Regional Goals/Solutions Support an Efficient System

- Rail Service Issues
  - Class 1 Service Levels/Rates
  - Congestion in Chicago - Funding CREATE
  - Heavier railcars on state owned light density lines
Future Challenges For Transportation

- Permitting Larger/Heavier Trucks
  - Agricultural/Logging Interest in Reducing Costs
  - Wind Tower Components
  - Consistency With Border States

- Treating Ballast Water on the Great Lakes
  - Need Consistent Cost-effective Approach

- Impact of Energy Costs on the Structure of the Economy and Mix of Modal Needs
Possibilities for Regional Cooperation

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- Regional Vision For The Interstate System
- Size/Weight Limits
- Planning/Permitting For Oversize Loads
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Possibilities for Regional Research

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