

Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow - Linkages with Brownfield Redevelopments and Opportunities

Integrating Brownfield Development into Illinois Long Range
Transportation Vision

Sustainable Economic Revitalization conference

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What Are Brownfields

- ▶ Abandoned, unused, or underused industrial and commercial properties
- ▶ Has actual or perceived contamination
- ▶ Active potential for redevelopment



Brownfield redevelopment in Moline, IL

Community benefits from brownfield redevelopment

- ▶ Improved public health and environment
- ▶ Economic growth and increases in local employment opportunities
- ▶ Revitalized neighborhoods
- ▶ Increased local tax revenues
- ▶ Reduced public service demands



An Innovative Opportunity for Transportation

Brownfields provide...

- ▶ Integrated brownfield redevelopments returns land to productive use
- ▶ Process of restoration *and* restored land space creates a growing number of *projects*

BUT:
Obsolete transportation infrastructure prevents brownfield redevelopment

IDOT's Potential Impact

- ▶ Transportation networks can enhance accessibility
- ▶ Strategically design infrastructure to link brownfield corridors and major economic centers
- ▶ Drive brownfield development
- ▶ Must include this vision in long range and regional planning

Linking with LRTP

- ▶ Illinois developed LRTP to set forth policies and goals that will guide the development of the state transportation system
- ▶ Illinois Long Range Transportation Plan completed in December 2012
- ▶ The plan emphasizes multi-modal connectivity, sustainability, and safety
- ▶ Plan goals and action plan provide pathway for brownfield partnerships and redevelopment



Guiding Policy:

Develop a Sustainable
Illinois Transportation System

ACTION ITEMS

Reduce inefficiencies in the environmental permitting processes by establishing an interagency working group with EPA, HPA and FHWA to enhance economic development efforts while still protecting the environment.

Continue to work with resource agencies to develop best management practices for environmental mitigation.

Policy:

Follow a Comprehensive Planning Process



Maintain close working relationships with federal and other Illinois agencies to comprehensively coordinate planning processes, activities, facilities and services.

Establish joint state-local planning initiative to focus on transportation-land use integration.

Policy:

Target Transportation Investments to Support Business and Enhance the Illinois Economy



Support cost-effective transportation investments, including new facilities and expansion of existing systems that enhance the state's comparative economic advantage and expand or retain economic development and employment.

Target transportation investments to support business and employment growth and enhance the Illinois economy.

Policy:

Ensure a Compatible Interface of the Transportation System with Environmental, Social, Energy, and Land Use Considerations



Ensure that sustainability, environmental, social, energy, regional and community, and other non-transportation goals, plans and programs affecting transportation are considered in all phases of the transportation planning process.

Ensure that transportation decisions consider the effects on land use and development and are consistent with all applicable short-range and long-range land use and development plans.

Continue to work with local planning agencies to develop sustainable transportation projects that support livable communities.

Case Study: Quad Cities Multimodal Station

- ▶ Need for multimodal system to serve Quad Cities metro region with arrival of high speed rail
- ▶ Opportunity to transform existing urban Brownfield site (O'Rourke Building)
- ▶ State secures brownfield grant funding to convert 65,000 sq. ft station in Moline
 - ▶ \$10 million in federal TIGER II funds
- ▶ Station includes
 - ▶ Extended stay hotel
 - ▶ Amtrak station
 - ▶ Social amenities
 - ▶ Bus Station (greyhound and bus transit system)
 - ▶ Connection to bike trail, river walk, bus transit system
- ▶ Future
 - ▶ Working to link with airport via IL-92
 - ▶ Smart car stalls, car-sharing access



Demonstrates how brownfield redevelopment spurs transportation accessibility/connectivity and thus achieves LRTP vision

Additional tools

- ▶ Economic development program
- ▶ Transportation Alternatives Program (formerly ITEP)
- ▶ Rail /freight program
- ▶ DCEO business programs
- ▶ IDNR trail programs
- ▶ Downstate Transit assistance grants
- Most of these can be used as a match *
- Be Creative !!!!!

Questions?

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