

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Statement from Illinois Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Todd Maisch on CREATE, key Chicago rail project:

"We applaud the vital support of the Chicago Region Environment and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program and Illinois' transportation and infrastructure system as a whole, which is crucial to our state's economy. The federal award from the U.S. Department of Transportation that grants \$132 million to the 75<sup>th</sup> St. Corridor Improvement Project recognizes the importance of the Chicago region and Illinois to our nation's economy.

This is one of the strongest examples of how Illinois can use its location and our nation's infrastructure system to our advantage. By working together to form successful public-private partnerships, as in this case, valued opportunities prevail and Illinois' economy is better served.

We thank our congressional delegation for their bipartisan support of this project that made this award possible."

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