

1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2705-321 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-321 new)

8 Sec. 2705-321. Illinois Transit Ridership and Economic
9 Development (TRED) Pilot Project Program; new facilities and
10 service.

11 (a) The Department of Transportation shall establish the
12 Illinois Transit Ridership and Economic Development (TRED)
13 Pilot Project Program to build transit systems that more
14 effectively address the needs of Illinois workers, families,
15 and businesses. The Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program shall
16 provide for new or expanded mass transportation service and
17 facilities, including rapid transit, rail, bus, and other
18 equipment used in connection with mass transit, by the State,
19 a public entity, or 2 or more of these entities authorized to
20 provide and promote public transportation in order to
21 increase the level of service available in local communities,
22 as well as improve the quality of life and economic viability
23 of the State of Illinois.

24 The Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program expenditures for
25 mass transportation service and facilities within the State
26 must:

27 (1) Improve the economic viability of Illinois by
28 facilitating the transportation of Illinois residents to
29 places of employment, to educational facilities, and to
30 commercial, medical, and shopping districts.

31 (2) Increase the frequency and reliability of

1 public transit service.

2 (3) Facilitate the movement of all persons,
3 including those persons who, because of age, economic
4 circumstance, or physical infirmity, are unable to drive.

5 (4) Contribute to an improved environment through
6 the reduction of air, water, and noise pollution.

7 (b) Under the Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program, the
8 Department shall fund in fiscal year 2004, in coordination
9 and consultation with other government agencies that provide
10 or fund transportation services, the Illinois Public
11 Transportation Association, and transit advocates, projects
12 as specified in subsection (c). Total funding for each
13 project shall not exceed \$500,000 and the funding for all
14 projects shall not exceed \$3,000,000. The Department shall
15 submit annual reports to the General Assembly by March 1 of
16 each fiscal year regarding the status of these projects,
17 including service to constituents including local businesses,
18 seniors, and people with disabilities, costs, and other
19 appropriate measures of impact.

20 (c) The Department shall make grants to create:

21 (1) The Altgeld Gardens - Ford Supplier Park
22 Rush-hour service, which shall provide rush-hour-only
23 service (6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM) that
24 shall start at 130th Street and State Street and go
25 directly to Altgeld Gardens (stopping at the store in the
26 center of Altgeld Gardens), then leave Altgeld Gardens
27 and go directly to the Ford supplier park on 130th
28 Street, then to 130th and Torrence Avenue (the Ford
29 production plant), then north on Torrence Avenue with at
30 least one stop close to Washington High School, then to
31 the shopping plaza at 95th Street and Stony Island. After
32 completing its route, the bus shall turn around and go
33 back on the same route. Service shall be every 20
34 minutes.

1 (2) The Pilsen/Lawndale Demonstration Project,
2 which consists of the following:

3 (A) Pilsen Commercial route, which shall
4 create weekday bus service to support the 16th and
5 18th street commercial district. Service shall begin
6 at Cicero and Cermak and proceed along 16th Street
7 and then 18th Street to Michigan Ave. This service
8 shall run on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
9 and then from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

10 (B) Lawndale-to-the-Loop Rush hour express
11 route, which shall create an extended rush-hour-only
12 express service (4:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
13 to 10:00 p.m.), starting at Pulaski and Cermak and
14 traveling along Ogden and Polk with limited stops
15 between Pulaski, the Medical District, and the
16 Chicago Loop.

17 (3) The Intertownship Transportation Program for
18 Northwest Suburban Cook County, which shall complement
19 existing Pace service and involve cooperation of several
20 townships to provide transportation services for senior
21 and disabled residents across village and township
22 boundaries that is currently not provided by Pace and by
23 individual townships and municipalities.

24 (4) RIDES transit services to Richland and Lawrence
25 Counties to extend transit services into Richland and
26 Lawrence Counties and enhance service in Wayne, Edwards,
27 and Wabash Counties that share common travel patterns and
28 needs with Lawrence and Richland counties. Funding shall
29 be used to develop a route structure that shall
30 coordinate social service and general public requirements
31 and obtain vehicles to support the additional service.

32 (5) Peoria Regional Transportation Initiative,
33 which shall fund the development of a plan to create a
34 regional transportation service in the Peoria-Pekin MSA

1 that integrates and expands the existing services and
2 that would allow local leaders to develop a funding plan
3 and a timetable to secure final political approval. The
4 plan is intended to facilitate regional economic
5 development and provide greater mobility to workers,
6 senior citizens, and people with disabilities.

7 (6) Rock Island MetroLINK/Black Hawk College
8 Coordination Project, which shall provide a deeply
9 discounted, semester-based bus pass for unlimited travel
10 on any MetroLINK bus route to students and faculty at
11 local community colleges to increase ridership on the
12 metropolitan bus system and better link community college
13 students with transportation alternatives.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.