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**From the Illinois Senate**

***State Senator Dave Koehler***

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## **KOEHLER WELCOMES PASSAGE OF CAPITAL BILL**

SPRINGFIELD— State Sen. David Koehler (D-Peoria) attended the signing ceremony of the long-awaited capital construction bill today in Chicago.

“The capital construction plan should help rejuvenate Illinois’ economy,” Koehler said. “It will put hundreds of thousands of the unemployed and underemployed back to work and invest nearly \$30 billion in Illinois’ roads, schools, hospitals and other public facilities.”

The plan includes more than \$160 million for local projects, including:

- A \$26 million addition to Technology Boulevard in East Peoria.
- A \$30 million addition to Veterans Parkway in Pekin.
- \$4 million for a new multi-purpose building at Spoon River College.
- More than \$8 million for Bradley University.
- \$4 million for improvements to the Peoria Civic Center.
- \$1.3 million to construct a cancer research facility at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria campus.
- \$500,000 for capital improvements to the Heartland Community Health clinic.
- \$400,000 for improvements to the Fulton County Dental Center.
- More than \$6 million for local roads in Peoria County this year, and more than \$65 million over the next five years.
- More than \$2 million for local roads in Fulton County this year, and more than \$7 million over the next five years.
- More than \$5 million for local roads in Tazewell County this year, and more than \$20 million over the next five years.

The bill also includes many smaller grants for local governments and facilities.

“These investments will be good for Illinois’ citizens and businesses,” Koehler said. “We all rely on safe roads and well-maintained hospitals, and local companies like Caterpillar should receive orders for some of the equipment and supplies needed to complete these construction projects.”

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