

## Your Job: Director of Illinois Transportation

### Illinois Transportation

Consider these facts about Illinois transportation from the 2001 Handbook of Government:

number of airports	116
number of highways miles	16,601
number of railroad miles	7,368

What other kinds of transportation are important in Illinois?

### Research and Report

Those parts of the transportation system cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build. What cost would the state face to make sure that the transportation system in Illinois is efficient?

Read the newspapers to find information about transportation challenges facing the Illinois.

After you locate other articles about Illinois transportation, make some recommendations. What other choices would you recommend to improve Illinois transportation for the next century's travelers?

#### *Community Connection: Transportation Plan*

Find out how many people in your community use public transportation. Contact the public transit office to get that information. Then propose ways to increase use of public transportation.