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## City of Joliet Receives \$32 million for Joliet Multi-Modal Regional Transportation Center

At a press conference earlier today, Governor Pat Quinn granted the City of Joliet \$32 million from the *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital program to construct a multi-modal transportation center in Downtown Joliet.

The Joliet Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Center will be a key component to the City of Joliet's Central Area Plan and redevelopment of Downtown Joliet. The center will integrate eight land based transportation modes to one central facility adjacent to Joliet's Union Station with direct and easy access to Interstate 80.

"This project will revitalize Downtown Joliet and improve safety for the 800,000 passengers who use the city's Union Station every year," said Governor Quinn. "Investment in passenger rail supports our state's continued economic recovery by creating jobs and stimulating development throughout the region."

The City of Joliet is extremely grateful to Governor Quinn and Illinois Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig for their generosity, vision and support of this monumental project in Downtown Joliet. The \$42 million project includes \$7.5 million in funding from the City of Joliet and \$2.2 million from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. The Transportation Center project demonstrates the continued partnership of the State, City and County with key transportation assets of RTA, Metra, Pace, Amtrak, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroads, Union Pacific Railroad and Interstate Bus Carriers.

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 152,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit [www.visitjoliet.org](http://www.visitjoliet.org) or call 815.724.4000.

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