

First Ever Tri-State Alliance Is Held In Freeport 4-21-08

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(Freeport, Illinois) The first ever Tri-State Alliance was held in Freeport today. It was a summit of about 200 Federal, State and local leaders, plus transportation officials from Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. The point of the day-long event was to join efforts to improve transportation in the three state area. Unity and coordination of effort was just one of the many topics discussed that could lead to increased state and federal funding for local transportation projects. Top transportation priorities were also identified. Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey attended and was optimistic about the summit and added, "Today is about making partnerships....we have to get a state capital plan or it is not going to happen....Amtrak will not support a state that's not willing to invest in itself." Freeport was chosen for the summit location because it is right in the center of the tri-state area.

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