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Governor Holds Hostage Funding for Route 53

Springfield ... Today, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Addison) and State Representative Franco Coladipietro (R-Bloomington) expressed their outrage with Governor Quinn's political games to halt the resurfacing of Route 53 from Army Trail Road to Lake Street.

"The number one public safety issue for families in both of our districts is Route 53 and the deplorable condition it's in. The street is literally falling apart with a multitude of pot holes that dominate this road. What's it going to take for Governor Quinn to stop playing political games with people's lives and allow for this project to be completed?" asked Rep. Coladipietro.

Rep. Coladipietro noted that the resurfacing and reconstruction of Route 53 has been on the Illinois Department of Transportation's list of projects for over 10 years. It has only been in the last year and after numerous meetings with IDOT officials and local representatives from the village and state that this project had been moved up and was supposed to start in July.

Rep. Reboletti added that even though funding for a mini-capital bill had received unanimous support and was signed into law back in April, the Governor is now unwilling to release the funding due to the legislature not passing his proposed budget and tax increase.

"The Governor is so desperate to pass an income tax increase that he is willing to resort to Blagojevich's style of politics to get what he wants. Scaring people and basically allowing government to come to an immediate halt are deplorable and despicable tactics. I am tired of the families in my district and across this state being punished because the Governor, Speaker and Senate President can't get along," said Rep. Reboletti. "Route 53 is undoubtedly one of the worst roads in this state. With the amount of traffic that uses this road, this project should have been completed years ago."

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