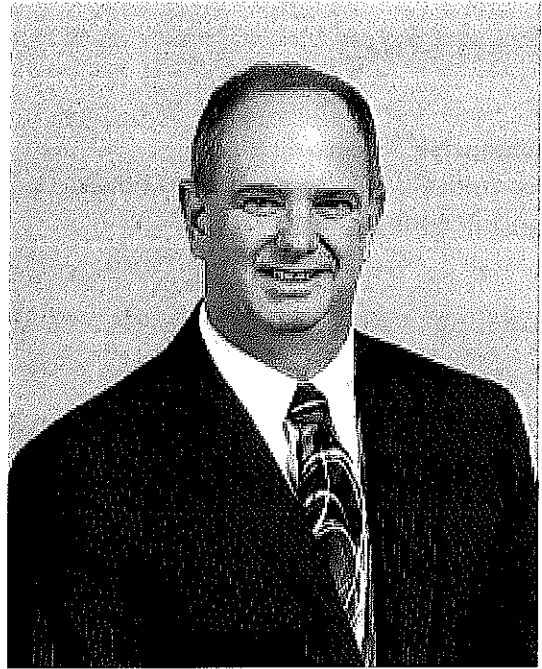


# Randy Blankenhorn

## Secretary Illinois Department of Transportation

Randall S. Blankenhorn was appointed secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation by Gov. Bruce Rauner in January 2015. As head of IDOT, he leads an agency of 13 offices and divisions that serve the transportation needs of Illinois across multiple modes, in rural, suburban and urban environments. At IDOT, Blankenhorn oversees a \$2.8 billion operating budget that supports a work force of 5,000 employees, with annual oversight of more than \$3.2 billion in capital projects.



Prior to his appointment, Blankenhorn was the executive director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, leading that agency since its inception in 2006. At CMAP, Blankenhorn oversaw transportation, land use, housing, economic development, environmental and other quality-of-life issues in the seven-county region of Northeastern Illinois.

His appointment as transportation secretary represents a return to IDOT, after having previously worked at the agency for 22 years. While at IDOT, Blankenhorn served in a number of key positions in both the policy and planning divisions, eventually rising to bureau chief of urban program planning, coordinating the activities of the state's 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Blankenhorn was the point person for planning on a number of major infrastructure projects throughout Illinois, including the south extension of Interstate 355 in Will County, the new Mississippi River Bridge in Metro East, and the proposed South Suburban Airport in Chicago's south suburbs.