



# MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

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**To:** Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate  
John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House  
Pia Yoswig, Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
Sandra Fritz, Illinois State Library Governments Document Department

**From:** Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

**Re:** Biennial Report to the Illinois General Assembly Covering activities from 2023 – 2024

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In accordance with Section 10 (f) of Public Act 95-693, the Mid-Illinois Medical District Act, the Commission submits its Report of Operations for the prior two calendar years, 2023-2024. The following report identifies significant actions during the reporting period, identifies challenges and opportunities facing the District and Commission, and sets forth plans for 2025 and 2026.

## **Purpose of This Report**

The Mid-Illinois Medical District (MIMD) was established by the Illinois General Assembly in 2003 to promote and coordinate health care services, medical research, and economic development within its boundaries. As mandated, this report details the MIMD's operations and developments during the calendar years 2023 and 2024 and outlines the strategic plan for the upcoming years.

## **About the District**

The MIMD encompasses a one-square-mile area north of downtown Springfield, Illinois, covering 640 acres. It is anchored by four major healthcare institutions: Springfield Memorial Hospital, HSHS St. John's Hospital, Springfield Clinic, and the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Collectively, these institutions employ over 13,000 individuals and occupy more than 4.7 million square feet of healthcare facilities.

## **Commission Members**

By statute, the Commission is made up of eleven members: six members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, four members appointed by the Mayor of Springfield with the advice and consent of the Springfield City Council, and one member appointed by the Chairperson of the Sangamon County Board.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Tessica Dooley	Governor
Nicole Florence	Governor
Aaron Gurnsey	Governor



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Jack Mazzotti	Governor
John Stremsterfer	Governor
Brian Zilm	Governor
Erica Austin	Mayor, City of Springfield
Ryan Croke	Mayor, City of Springfield
Joe Hurwitz	Mayor, City of Springfield
<i>Vacant</i>	Mayor, City of Springfield
Brian McFadden	Chairperson, Sangamon County

## Financial Report

The Commission has maintained a balanced budget over the reporting period. Detailed financial statements are available in the appendices of this report.

Mid-Illinois Medical District Income and Expense Statement, 2023 – 2024		
Checking Account		
Balance on Hand, January 1, 2023		\$235.53
	Income (donations)	\$1.00
	Expenses	--
	Net	\$1.00
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2024		\$236.53

## Significant Developments During 2023-2024

### Master Plan Completion

In late 2024, the MIMD, in collaboration with the City of Springfield, Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, and Downtown Springfield Inc., finalized the Downtown Springfield and Mid-Illinois Medical District Master Plan. This comprehensive plan aims to create a livable, connected city center by focusing on diverse housing, economic development, public realm investments, and improved accessibility.

### Infrastructure Enhancements

- **Two-Way Street Conversions:** In 2023, Fourth Street (from South Grand Avenue to Dodge Street) and Adams Street (from Sixth Street to Ninth Street) were converted from one-way to two-way traffic. This change was implemented to promote economic growth in the commercial corridors and enhance traffic safety.



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- **Rail Relocation Project:** The ongoing Springfield Rail Improvements Project, expected to be completed by 2026, aims to consolidate rail traffic and enhance safety within the district. The completion of the Carpenter Street underpass on the district's eastern boundary has already improved traffic flow and reduced congestion.

## **Commission Activities and Future Priorities**

The MIMD Commission has been actively involved in strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and oversight of development projects. Looking ahead, the Commission aims to:

- **Implementation of the Master Plan:** The MIMD Commission is committed to collaborating with stakeholders to implement the recommendations outlined in the newly adopted Master Plan, ensuring that development aligns with community needs and promotes economic vitality.
- **Infrastructure Enhancements:** Ongoing efforts will focus on improving transportation infrastructure, including pedestrian mobility and parking solutions, to better connect the medical district with downtown Springfield.
- **Community Engagement:** The Commission will continue to engage with residents, businesses, and institutions to foster partnerships that support the district's growth and address emerging healthcare and technological advancements.
- **Promote Economic Development:** Attract new businesses, particularly in the healthcare and technology sectors, to stimulate job growth and innovation.

## **Challenges and Opportunities**

The MIMD faces challenges such as securing funding for large-scale projects and addressing the evolving healthcare landscape. However, opportunities exist to leverage partnerships, attract investments, and position the district as a leader in medical research and healthcare delivery.

## **Conclusion**

The period of 2023-2024 has been marked by significant progress in the Mid-Illinois Medical District, with strategic developments poised to enhance the district's role as a hub for healthcare excellence and economic growth. The Commission remains dedicated to advancing these initiatives, addressing challenges proactively, and capitalizing on opportunities to benefit the Springfield community and beyond.

*Prepared by the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission, March 2025.*