

Current Dane County Agenda broken up by sections each committee will review

Waste and Renewables

- **Recycling:** Support long-term state funding for state's recycling program. Support continued state efforts to expand markets for recycled materials. Support allowing local governments or other entities to receive more than one state grant for innovative demonstration projects.
- **Landfill Siting:** Allow municipalities to replace existing public landfills without a new DNR needs determination. Support modifying landfill negotiation-mediation process to include counties as an appropriate governing body for the approval of negotiated agreements. Support prohibiting the construction of landfills until the negotiation-mediation process is complete.
- **Clean Sweep:** Support increased state/federal funding for household and Ag Clean Sweep.
- **Landfill/Solid Waste Fees and Program Reductions:** Oppose state increases to the landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee. Oppose the elimination or reduction of recycling and solid waste programs.

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Bicycle and Recreational Trails

- **Transportation Aids:** Support the use of transportation aids for the construction and maintenance of bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- **Bike Trail Task Force:** Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force.

- **Commuter Transportation:** Support integrating bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.
- **Trail System Development:** Request DNR assistance in the development of regional trail systems.
- **Eminent Domain:** Repeal Wis. Stat. 32.015, which prohibits local governments from using eminent domain for constructing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Mass Transit

- **Regional Transit Authority:** Support legislation allowing local governments to create Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) to provide regional transit services across local government boundaries that is flexible enough to adapt to local needs and has these basic parameters: A representative RTA could be formed by one or more municipal governing bodies passing resolutions in support. A referendum would need to be adopted by a majority of voters in each municipality forming, or seeking to join the RTA. The amount of the sales tax would need to be authorized in the referendum, but could not exceed 0.5%. The governing board would be composed of elected officials, representative of the communities within the RTA area.
- **Passenger Rail:** Support state and federal funding to improve Amtrak passenger rail service and establish a high speed passenger rail line connecting Madison with the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, and Chicago.
- **Airport Authority:** Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.

Local Road Funding and Projects

- **Local Transportation:** Support a greater share of state and federal transportation funding going toward local transportation needs and services. Funding should be increased for General Transportation Aids, State Highway Maintenance, the County Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Specialized Transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities. Require “farmland mitigation” for highway improvement projects. Funding formulas that discriminate against urban counties should be revised and the local match (now 50%) for CHIPS should be decreased.
- **North Mendota Parkway:** Oppose the construction of four lanes on

Main Street (HWY 19) in Waunakee. Support an update of the 2003 North Mendota Parkway traffic study, and request WIDOT to consider how the proposed North Mendota Parkway, Hwy 19, CTH K, CTH M and Hwy 113 relate to each other and Hwy 12. Support an implementation review of the “North E-Way”. Support state and federal funding for the North Mendota Parkway.

- **Beltline Study:** Support state funding for the Beltline Planning and Environmental Linkages Corridor Study to develop long-term solutions to address safety, operational, and capacity concerns on US 12/14/18/151 extending from US 14 (city of Middleton) to County N (town of Cottage Grove) in Dane County, Wisconsin. Support local representation on the study committee and state funding for projects recommended by the committee.
- **Highway Funding:** Require WIDOT to provide more funding up front through operational reimbursement and incentivizing improvements.
- **Highway Worker Safety:** Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance contract to fund increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zone. Support innovative approaches to improve work zone safety and legislation to allow for the use of the color green on maintenance vehicles to improve snowplow safety.

Housing

- **Homeless Services:** Provide additional state funding for services to assist individuals, unaccompanied youth and families who are homeless. Expand state programs to address and prevent homelessness including but not limited to the Critical Assistance Program and the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.
- **Manufactured Housing:** Support legislation to amend state statutes to require adequate notice to residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure areas in manufactured housing communities, encourage WHEDA to provide funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land, remove any barriers to long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.
- **Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances:** Oppose legislation that impinges on the rights of tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant’s income, occupation, rental history, credit information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security number.
- **Landlord Regulation:** Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and

amends/creates new provisions that benefit landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011- 2012 budget bill provision, which deletes landlord foreclosure notice. Repeal 2013 WI Act 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances).

- **Expanding Affordable Housing Options:** Support state investment in the Dane County Affordable Housing Development Fund. Support additional incentives for developers interested in building affordable housing and state incentives for landlords to accept housing vouchers. Support increases for state programs to expand access to affordable housing such as the Rental Housing Development Program. Support allowing local governments to set affordable housing requirements.
- **Tenants' Rights:** Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting/enforcing ordinances that regulate landlord/tenant relations, which enhance fairness in landlord/tenant relations, foster responsible property ownership and protect the safety & stability of neighborhoods. Support state funding for legal assistance for renters facing eviction and landlord and tenant mediation programs. Support legislation to provide a right to counsel for residential tenants facing evictions. Support legislation requiring a just cause for termination of tenancy and eviction. Support legislation to remove the requirement for scheduling eviction trials within 30 days of initial hearing.
- **Lead Remediation:** Support state funding for local lead remediation programs.

Community, Workforce, and Economic Development

- **Broadband Coverage:** Support increasing financial support to expand broadband services to underserved rural areas and change state law to allow all levels of local governments and publicly funded entities to build and subsidize broadband networks and projects in underserved areas.
- **Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act:** Oppose permitting an employer to refuse to employ, bar or terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony, and pre-empting local government from adopting ordinances concerning employment discrimination based on arrest or conviction records that prohibit activity allowed under the state Fair Employment Act.
- **Minimum Wage:** Support increasing the minimum wage to a living wage.

- **Transitional Jobs Program:** Support expanding the state Transitional Jobs Program in the Department of Children and Families.
- **UW Extension:** Support adequate staffing and funding levels to sustain Dane County Extension's high-quality educational programs for farmers, businesses, communities, families and young people.
- **Collective Bargaining and Workers Rights:** Support all workers having the right to seek safe working conditions, benefits, and fair pay through collective bargaining.
- **Student Debt:** Support legislation to lower student debt by any means possible including refinancing loans, implementing tax breaks for those paying back the loans, reducing interest rates and ensuring tuition is affordable.
- **School Choice Expansion:** Oppose the voucher program or a similar facsimile in the Madison Metropolitan School District or in any Dane County school system.

Arts

- **Arts Funding:** Support increased funding for the arts across Wisconsin, especially for art projects in communities, schools, colleges, and public facilities.