

Replace lines 567-637 with the following:

Bicycle and Recreational Trails

- Support allowing transportation aids to be used for the construction and maintenance of bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force.
- Support integrating bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems
- Request DNR assistance in the development of regional trailsystems.

Mass Transit

- Support authorizing legislation for a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) 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.
- Support state and federal funding for a high speed passenger rail line connecting Madison with the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, and Chicago.
- Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.

Local Road Funding and Projects

- 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.
- Support state and federal funding for the North Mendota Parkway. Oppose an expansion to four lanes on Main Street (State Highway 19) in downtown Waunakee.
- Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of the Verona Road construction project on surrounding neighborhoods and local businesses. Those measures include noise barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on established neighborhoods, storm water management (steer away from Dunn’s Marsh), and develop bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads.
- Require WisDOT to provide more funding up front through operational reimbursement and incentivizing improvements.

Waste and Renewables

- 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.
- Allow municipalities to replace existing public landfills without a new DNR needs determination.
- Support modifying the 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 mediation-negotiating process is complete.
- Support increased state/federal funding for household and Ag Clean Sweep.
- Oppose state increases to the landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee.
- Oppose the elimination or reduction of recycling and solid waste programs.