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To: WMC Transportation Committee  
From: Jason Culotta, Director of Tax and Transportation Policy  
Date: May 17, 2012

### **Regulatory Activity Update**

- Over-Size/Over-Weight

### **Potential Sale of Reedsburg Line**

- Union Pacific negotiating with WisDOT
- Governor Walker has committed to supporting the purchase in the next budget

### **Transportation Fund Integrity**

- Constitutional Amendment approved on first consideration on May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Senate passed 26-6, Assembly 82-11
- Must be considered and adopted again in 2013 legislative session.

### **Upcoming Transportation Events**

- TDA Drive-In
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Madison Club, Madison; 9:30 a.m. - noon
- Transportation Finance and Policy Committee final public listening session
  - May 31<sup>st</sup>, Sacred Heart Hospital, Eau Claire; 5-7 p.m.
- MARS Conference
  - July 10<sup>th</sup>, Lake Geneva

### **State Budget Update**

- DOA released General Fund Tax Estimates on May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - \$265 million re-estimate above LFB February report
- Previous LFB report on February 9<sup>th</sup> differed
  - \$11 million balance for 2011-12
  - Shortfall of \$143 million projected for 2012-13

### **Recall Election Update**

- Election Dates
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> primary
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> general
- Gubernatorial Field
  - Governor Scott Walker (i-R)
  - Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett (D)

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- Hariprasad Trivedi (I)
- Lt. Gov. Recall Field
  - Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch (i-R)
  - Professional Fire Fighters of WI President Mahlon Mitchell (D)
- State Senate
  - 13<sup>th</sup> District
    - Senator Scott Fitzgerald (i-R)
    - Lori Compas (D)
    - Terry Virgil (L)
  - 21<sup>st</sup> District
    - Senator Van Wanggaard (i-R)
    - Former Senator John Lehman (D)
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> District
    - Senator Terry Moulton (i-R)
    - Former State Representative Kristen Dexter (D)
  - 29<sup>th</sup> District (Senator Pam Galloway resigned on March 17<sup>th</sup>)
    - State Representative Jerry Petrowski (R)
    - State Representative Donna Seidel (D)

### **U.S. Senate Election Update**

- Candidates
  - Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D)
  - Assembly Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald
  - Community banker Eric Hovde
  - Former Congressman Mark Neumann
  - Former Governor Tommy Thompson
- GOP state convention – May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - No endorsement given
- WMC Candidate Forum – May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Transportation funding raised