



To: WMC Transportation Committee
From: Jason Culotta, Director of Tax and Transportation Policy
Date: March 24, 2016
Re: WMC Staff Report

Senator Stroebel Announces Opposition to Gas Tax Increase

- Calls for every last efficiency to be adopted by WisDOT before raising taxes
- <http://www.rightwisconsin.com/perspectives/Resisting-the-Call-to-Hike-the-Gas-Tax-371225761.html>

Milwaukee OSOW Corridor Group Meeting

- Review of March 23 discussion at WisDOT's Waukesha office

Senator Baldwin Considers Higher Weights for Log Trucks

- Reportedly considering establishing a permit for 91k pounds on 6 axles

Freight-Related Legislation Signed into Law

- Implements of Husbandry 3.0 (SB 488) – now 2015 Act 232
 - Changing “farm to field” to “to or from a farm-related destination”
- Intrastate Motor Carrier Regulations (AB 424) – 2015 Act 135
 - Apply state regulation to intrastate operations
- Right of Way in Roundabouts (AB 451) – 2015 Act 139
 - Allow large vehicles to deviate into another lane; smaller vehicles to yield
- Seasonal Agriculture Weight Limits (SB 509) – 2015 Act 235
 - Extending 15% seasonal weight allowance from Sept 1 to Aug 1
- Single Trip Permits of Over-size Factory-Built Homes (SB 372) – 2015 Act 241
 - Allows the issuance of local permits
- Use of Logging Skidders (AB 580) – 2015 Act 171
 - Allow unpermitted skidders if moved less than a half-mile on a highway

Freight-Related Legislation Passed & Awaiting Governor’s Signature

- I-39 & 41 Size & Weight Limit Update (AB 558)

- Cleanup of statutes given interstate status of these highways
- Exempting Federal Excise Tax from Sales Tax (AB 629)
 - Retroactive to Sept 2014, exempt the FET amount from state sales tax
- Impact of DNR Water Regulations on DOT Projects (AB 755)
 - Allows DOT a general permit for stormwater discharges at project sites
- WisDOT Rule Re-Write Package (SB 360)
 - Includes change of TPC process to subjective standard set by WisDOT

Upcoming Events

- March 24 – CSCMP Milwaukee: FedEx Tour
 - 5 p.m.
- March 30 – I-41/I-43 Container Platform Information Session
 - 8:30-9:30 a.m., 433 Main St., Room 114, Green Bay
 - Inside the Associated Bank corporate office
- March 31 - I-41/I-43 Container Platform Information Session
 - 8:30-9:30 a.m., UW-Oshkosh Executive Education Center
 - 2323 East Capitol Dr., Room 122, Appleton
- April 14 – Milwaukee Logistics Council: Trends in Warehousing
 - 3-6 p.m.
- April 14 – WI Freight Advisory Committee
 - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Lussier Family Heritage Center, Madison
- May 7 – Milwaukee Logistics Council: Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
 - 5-10 p.m.
- May 19 – WMC Transportation Committee meeting
 - 9-10 a.m.