

**WAPA Legislative Update
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2007 - 2008 Wisconsin Legislative Session Bill Tracking

Please note that the legislature has adjourned for the 2007-2008 floor period. There are no further legislative floor periods scheduled for 2008.

NEW LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

There are no new legislative proposals since the legislature has concluded its regular session.

UPDATES TO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SENATE BILLS

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2008 State Election Summary

The Democrats took control of the state assembly by 52-46 majority with one independent. The Democrats retained control of the state senate with a 18-15 majority (the same as before the election.) This marks the first time since 1986 that the Democrats have controlled the legislature and the governor's office. All assembly committees will have new chairs and there could be some change in committee structure.

New State Senate

SD-1 R Alan Lasee
SD-2 R Robert Cowles
SD-3 D Tim Carpenter
SD-4 D Lena Taylor
SD-5 D Jim Sullivan
SD-6 D Spencer Coggs

SD-7 R Jeffrey Plale
SD-8 R Alberta Darling
SD-9 R Joe Leibham
SD-10 R Sheila Harsdorf
SD-11 R Neil Kedzie
SD-12 D Jim Holperin
SD-13 R Scott Fitzgerald - Minority Leader
SD-14 R Luther Olsen
SD-15 D Judy Robson
SD-16 D Mark Miller
SD-17 R Dale Schultz
SD-18 R Randy Hopper
SD-19 R Mike Ellis
SD-20 R Glenn Grothman
SD-21 D Joe Lehman
SD-22 D Robert Wirch
SD-23 D Pat Kreitlow
SD-24 D Julie Lassa
SD-25 D Bob Jauch
SD-26 D Fred Risser
SD-27 D Jon Erpenbach
SD-28 R Mary Lazich
SD-29 D Russ Decker - Majority Leader

SD-30 D Dave Hansen

SD-31 D Kathleen Vinehout

SD-32. R Dan Kapanke

SD-33 R Theodore Kanavas

New State Assembly

AD-1 Garey Bies (R-I)

AD-2 Ted Zigmunt (D)

AD-3 Al Ott (R-I)

AD-4 Phil Montgomery (R-I)

AD-5 D-I. Tom Nelson

AD-6 Gary Tauchen (R-I)

AD-7 Peggy Krusick (D-I)

AD-8. Pedro Colon (D)

AD-9. Josh Zepnick (D)

AD-10. Annette Polly Williams (D)

AD-11. Jason Fields (D)

AD-12. Fred Kessler (D)

AD-13. David Cullen (D)

AD-14 Leah Vukmir (R-I)

AD-15 Tony Staskunas (D)

AD-16. Leon Young (D)

AD-17. Barbara Toles ((D)

AD-18. Tamara Grigsby (D)

AD-19. Jon Richards (D)

AD-20. Christine Sinicki (D)

AD-21 Glen Brower (D)

AD-22 Sandy Pasch . (D)

AD-23 Jim Ott (R-I.)

AD-24 Dan Knodl (R)

AD-25. Bob Ziegelbauer (D)

AD-26 Terry Van Akkeren (D-I)

AD-27 Steve Kestell (R-I.)

AD-28 Ann Hraychuck (D)

AD-29 John Murtha (R-I)

AD-30 Kitty Rhoades (R-I)

AD-31 Steve Nass (R-I)

AD-32 Thomas Lothian (R-I)

AD-33. Scott Newcomber (R)

AD-34 Dan Meyer (R-I)

AD-35 Don Friske (R-I)

AD-36 Jeffrey Mursau (R-I)

AD-37 Andy Jorgensen (D-I)
AD-38 Joel Kleefisch (R-I.)
AD-39 Jeff Fitzgerald (R-I) - Minority Leader
AD-40 Kevin Petersen (R-I)
AD-41 Joan Ballweg (R-I)
AD-42 Fred Clark (D))
AD-43 Kim Hixson (D)
AD-44. Mike Sheridan (D) - Speaker
AD-45 Chuck Benedict (D-I)
AD-46 Gary Hebl (D-I)
AD-47 Keith Ripp (R)
AD-48. Joe Parisi (D)
AD-49 Phil Garthwaite (D-I)
AD-50 Ed Brooks (R)
AD-51 Steve Hilgenberg (D-I)
AD-52 John Townsend (R-I)
AD-53 Richard Spanbauer (R-I)
AD-54 Gordon Hintz (D-I)
AD-55 Dean Kaufert (R-I)
AD-56 Roger Roth, Jr. (R-I)
AD-57 Penny Bernard Schaber (D)
AD-58 Pat Strachota (R-I)
AD-59. Daniel LeMahieu (R)
AD-60 Mark Gottlieb (R-I)
AD-61 Robert Turner (D-I)
AD-62 Cory Mason (D)
AD-63 Rob Vos (R-I)
AD-64. Peter Barca (D)
AD-65 John Steinbrink (D)
AD-66 Samantha Kerkman (R-I)
AD-67 Jeff Wood (Ind-I)
AD-68 Terry Moulton (R-I)
AD-69 Scott Suder (R-I)
AD-70 Amy Sue Vruwink (D-I)
AD-71 Louis Molepske, Jr. (D-I)
AD-72 Marlin Schneider (D-I)
AD-73 Nick Milroy (D)
AD-74 Gary Sherman (D)
AD-75. Mary Hubler (D)
AD-76. Spencer Black (D)
AD-77. Terese Berceau (D)
AD-78. Mark Pocan (D)
AD-79 SONDY POPE-ROBERTS (D-I)
AD-80 Brett Davis (R-I)
AD-81. Kelda Helen Roys (D)
AD-82. Jeff Stone (R)

AD-83 Scott Gunderson (R-I)
AD-84. Mark Gundrum (R)
AD-85 Donna Seidel (D-I)
AD-86 Jerry Petrowski (R-I)
AD-87 Mary Williams (R-I)
AD-88 Jim Soletski (D-I)
AD-89 John Nygren (R-I)
AD-90 Karl Van Roy (R-I)
AD-91 Chris Danou (D)
AD-92 Mark Radcliffe (D)
AD-93 Jeff Smith (D-I)
AD-94 Mike Huebsch (R-I)
AD-95. Jennifer Shilling (D)
AD-96 Lee Nerison (R-I)
AD-97 Bill Kramer (R-I)
AD-98 Rich Zipperer (R-I)
AD-99. Don Pridemore (R)

Legislative Council

The Special Study Legislative Council Study Committee on Regional Transportation Authorities postponed its meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at the request of Committee Co-chair Al Ott. Representative Ott postponed the committee meeting because of the change in party control of the legislature. Previous meeting materials can be found at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/committees/study/2008/RTA/index.htm>

Other Planning News and Development

Southeastern Wisconsin Watershed Trust

The Southeastern Wisconsin Watershed Trust (SWWT) is a voluntary, non-taxing partnership of independent units of government, special purpose districts, agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals who share common goals and are coming together to achieve these goals through coordinated collaboration and cooperation within the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds.

SWWT has five stated goals:

Purpose 1. To achieve water resource goals and objectives - such as clean water, conservation, and ecological function - through innovative and sustainable practices.

Purpose 2. To improve water quality in the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds to support a healthy regional economy and improve quality of life.

Purpose 3. To test and then implement innovative approaches and practices that will achieve improvements in water resources in a cost-effective way.

Purpose 4. To build partnerships and enhance collaborative decision-making and joint project implementation, engaging government, business, the building industry, agriculture, environmental, and other stakeholder organizations to obtain broad agreement and recommend where to invest funds to get the greatest benefit.

Purpose 5. Through collaborative action, to increase the region's success in attracting new funding and leverage existing funding for water quality and water resource improvements.

SWWT has membership open to all. For more information contact Bernadette Berdes, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, 260 West Seeboth St., Milwaukee WI 53204

City of Milwaukee Contemplates Leaving SEWRPC

Citing unequal representation, a Milwaukee Common Council committee voted on October 27 to urge Milwaukee County to withdraw from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The adopted resolution argues that SEWRPC's structure leaves Milwaukee County in an unequal spot. It has more than 47% of the population in the region and pays 33% of the commission's budget, but makes up only 14% of the votes.