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Legislative accomplishments – State Budget:

- I. **Payments for Municipal Services (PMS)**
 - Blocked a provision to move the administration of this program to Dept of Revenue from the current location of the Dept of Administration. The concerns were related to lack of staff resources at DOR.
 - Estimate Madison's share will continue to be about 41% of the total program; kept cuts to 1%.
 - Successfully argued that the lack of complete funding for the program (funded in 2009 at 81%) is a problem for the City. That 19% - which is absorbed by the City - should not count against funds received under the ERP formula.

- II. **Expenditure Restraint Program (ERP)**
 - Worked with Sen. Miller and Rep. Pocan to modify budget language to secure a one-time exemption to the eligibility formula for the shortfall of nearly 20% of the PMS program.
 - This will allow expenditures to increase around 3.7%.
 - Specifies that this increase may occur in non-levy supported spending only.

- III. **Levy Limit**
 - Helped secure Joint Finance Committee votes to maintain Governor's recommendation.
 - Allows for an increase of 3% or growth due to net new construction – whichever is greater – and retains language relating to debt service exemptions.

- IV. **Shared Revenue**
 - Our primary focus was protecting the PMS program; cuts to shared revenue were increased during the budget process because of a new, greater hole in the state budget.
 - The increase was from 1% to 3.5%; cut to Madison estimated at \$1.1 million for 2010.
 - Difficult to determine exact impact because of a modification on the formula that prevents any cut from exceeding 15% of any community's total shared revenue payment.

V. Columbus Park

- Worked rigorously with Governor Doyle and legislative leaders and Finance members to resolve this vital issue.
- Increased valuation threshold used to distinguish between taxable and exempt individual dwelling units within retirement homes from 100% to 130%.

VI. Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

- Despite deep concerns over other Wisconsin RTA's, and distracting opposition to them, we were able to work with the JFC to maintain the Governor's recommendation for a Dane County RTA.
- Worked with allies, including the County, as well as opposition, to compromise on membership and prevent language we opposed from being included.

VII. Transit Aid

- Worked to maintain Gov's recommendation – increase transit aid by about 2% in 2010 and 3% in 2011.
- \$17.49 million and \$18 million.

VIII. Highway Aid/General Transportation Aid

- 3% increase remained in effect for 2009.
- Helped support Finance Committee decision to provide increases of 2% and 3% for 2010 and 2011 respectively; despite Gov's recommended 1% decrease in 2010.

IX. Tipping fees and recycling aid

- Disappointing increase from \$5.90 per ton to \$13 per ton.