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## Legislative overview – 2009-2010 Regular Session:

### I. Billboard Legislation

- Blocked legislation to modify the value of billboards for personal property tax purposes
- Drafted legislation with Sen. Risser's office to allow municipalities to tax billboards based on value, not just the structure
- WI Restaurant Association (WRA) came out opposed to our draft prior to introduction; interpreted the language as attempting to tax businesses

### II. ARRA bonding bill

- Legislation required all local units of government to release federal bonding authority to state control in order to allow use of specific bonds for projects that were "shovel-ready"
- Allocations for Dane County and City of Madison were \$25 million and \$12.1 million respectively
- Worked with authors of the bill, Sen. Lassa and Rep. Molepske to modify the language to give preference for original allocation of bonds for local units of government when 'applying' for bonds through Dept of Commerce
- Sens. Erpenbach, Risser, and Miller successfully advocated for amendments on behalf of City of Madison

### III. Extraterritorial Plat Approval

- This bill prohibits a municipality (city or village) from denying approval of an extraterritorial plat or certified survey map on the basis of the proposed use of land unless it's based on a plan or regulations adopted under the statute referred to in Boucher Lincoln-Mercury v. Madison Plan Comm that sets out the requirements for the cooperative effort between the municipality and the town for extraterritorial zoning
- Unfortunately this legislation passed this session
- Delivered a letter and lobbied Gov. Doyle's office for a veto but he signed the bill into law

### IV. Phosphorus Rules NR 102 and 217 (Department of Natural Resources)

- Mayor Cieslewicz letter sent to DNR on April 28, 2010 (included)
- DNR Board meeting on June 23; we will monitor for meeting notice and send to Mayor's office
- Process:
  - i. Board will consider approval
  - ii. If approved, rules would be sent to Legislature

- iii. Legislature has 30 days to respond (comment, approve, hold public hearings, attempt to block)
- Annie has contacted Sen. Risser, Sen. Hansen and sent letter to all Madison delegates
- DNR sets index standard, DATCP currently has best practices; rules would allow compliance to satisfy both
- Annie spoke with the DNR; it appears this issue is a priority for Governor Doyle and a deal may be realized
- There are three main issues:
  - i. Cost – no agreement yet, though discussions are ongoing
  - ii. Allow trading – rules would allow municipalities to trade for credit toward compliance
  - iii. Adaptive management – phosphorus index level goals would be set incrementally, allowing for a gradual decrease
- Estimated costs from other municipalities, cities, towns
  - i. Green Bay - \$220 million
  - ii. Oconto - \$1.1-\$1.4 million

#### V. Online Voting Registration

- Legislation would have allowed Wisconsin voters to register online
- Session ended prior to scheduling a floor vote

#### VI. Qualification-based consultant requirement

- Legislation would require municipalities to utilize a qualifications-based selection process to choose consulting engineers on any projects with certain percent of state funding
- Legislation would prevent City of Madison from using cost as a factor before entering into negotiations
- Worked with legislative authors to draft amendment allowing potential exemptions when cost estimates are deemed necessary
- Legislation ultimately failed; Sen. Risser blocked legislation

#### VII. Moped Parking Regulation

- Drafting process
- Expressed support to Rep. Berceau and others
- Rep. Berceau introduced legislation relating to moped parking, operation on last day of session

#### VIII. PEG legislation

- Two bills were introduced affecting Public, Educational and Government (PEG) access channel; one larger omnibus encompassed other issues and one solely focused on PEG
- The PEG-only legislation passed committees in both houses, but session ended prior to scheduling a floor vote