



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 365

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Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Passenger Rail Service

WHEREAS, the health of Wisconsin's economy and the quality of life of Wisconsin's citizens are tied to a high-quality transportation system; and

WHEREAS, expanded passenger rail service has the potential of preserving land, increasing citizen mobility, creating greater economic efficiency, and relieving urban and rural traffic congestion; and

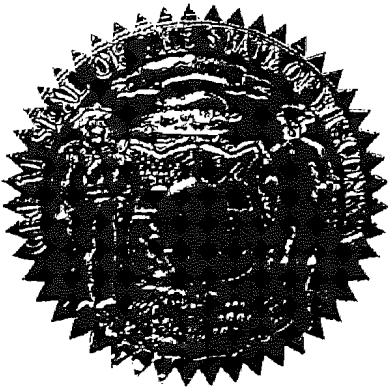
WHEREAS, new passenger rail services must be developed in coordination with the growing freight rail industry; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Wisconsin study the feasibility and merits of expanding passenger rail service in Wisconsin;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Passenger Rail Service (hereinafter "Task Force"); and
2. Provide that the Task Force shall be composed of twenty-three (23) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Provide that the Governor shall designate one (1) member on the Task Force as its chair to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor; and
4. Direct the Task Force to have the following purpose and mission:
 - a. Review existing passenger rail services and current local, state and federal government planning efforts for all heavy commuter and inter-city rail services, including high-speed rail services; and
 - b. Determine appropriate private sector and local, state and federal government roles in the potential expansion of passenger rail services; and
 - c. Review and comment on state and federal laws relating to passenger rail service and recommend improvements to existing state statutes; and
 - d. Identify private sector and local, state and federal government funding sources for passenger rail services; and

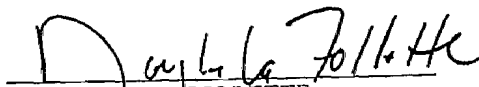
- e. Provide specific recommendations regarding the expansion of passenger rail service in Wisconsin; and
5. Require the Task Force to submit to the Governor an interim report by December 31, 1999 and a final report by December 31, 2000; and
6. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to provide the Task Force with administrative and support services; and
7. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Task Force with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with section 20.505(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
8. Require the Task Force to disband once the Governor has accepted its final report.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LAFOLLETTE
Secretary of State