



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 536

September 1, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives BLACK, R. POTTER, OLSEN, KRUG, BOCK, NOTESTEIN, PLOMBON, LA FAVE, R. YOUNG, HANSON, RILEY, SPRINGER, PLACHE, ROBSON and BALDWIN, cosponsored by Senators MOEN and BURKE. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 AN ACT *to create* 84.013 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:** major highway
2 projects and public hearings.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires that any major highway project, unlike other construction projects undertaken by the department of transportation (DOT), receive the approval of the transportation projects commission (TPC) and the legislature before the project may be constructed. A major highway project is a project having a total cost of more than \$5,000,000 and involving construction of a new highway 2.5 miles or more in length; reconstruction or reconditioning of an existing highway that relocates at least 2.5 miles of the highway or adds one or more lanes 5 miles or more in length to the highway; or improvement of an existing multilane divided highway to freeway standards.

This bill provides that, whenever one or more public hearings are required with respect to a major highway project, at least one public hearing must be conducted so that each person who gives testimony may be heard by other persons attending the hearing. The bill also requires that the testimony be recorded.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 SECTION 1. 84.013 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 84.013 (4m) Whenever one or more public hearings are required with respect
5 to a major highway project listed under sub. (3), at least one public hearing shall be

1 conducted so that each person who testifies may be heard by other persons attending
2 the hearing and by a representative of the department who is conducting the
3 hearing, and all testimony shall be recorded. This subsection applies to any major
4 highway project for which a public hearing was conducted on or after January 1,
5 1995.

6 (END)