

Frank Busalacchi

Vote Record

Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure

Date: 4/23

Moved by: BRESKE

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
- Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

Senator Joseph Leibham

Aye

No

Absent

Not Voting

Senator Ted Kanavas

Senator Neal Kedzie

Senator Roger Breske

Senator Mark Meyer

Totals:

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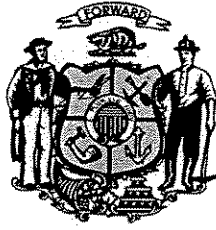
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STATE OF WISCONSIN

JAMES E. DOYLE
GOVERNOR



January 6, 2003

Mr. Frank Busalacchi
4765 Three Meadows Drive
Brookfield, WI 53005

Dear Frank,

I am pleased to appoint you as Secretary in the Department of Transportation, effective January 6, 2003. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

Your salary will be \$108,000 annually and assigned to Executive Salary Group 7. This is an unclassified position serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

It is a new day for Wisconsin! I look forward to working with you to find creative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,

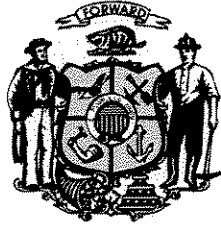
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle
Governor

Cc: Susan Goodwin
Sue Christopher, HR Director, DOT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR




January 10, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Frank Busalacchi to be Secretary of the Department of Transportation to serve at the pleasure of Governor.

Secretary Busalacchi will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,


JIM DOYLE
Governor



GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME/MAILING ADDRESS: Frank Busalacchi
4765 Three Meadows Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53005

E-MAIL ADDRESS: frank.buslacchi@dot.state.wi.us

RESIDES IN: Brookfield, WI

TELEPHONE: (608) 266-1114
(262) 781-5781

OCCUPATION: Secretary
Department of Transportation

APPOINTED TO: Secretary of the Department of Transportation

TERM: A term to expire at the Pleasure of Governor

SUCCEEDS: Thomas Carlsen

SENATE CONFIRMATION: Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: January 6, 2003

DATE OF NOMINATION: January 6, 2003

COMPENSATION: \$108,000



STATE OF WISCONSIN
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Roth Judd
Director

Nominee: Frank Busalacchi
Position: Secretary,
Transportation, Department of

Statutory Reference:

15.46 Department of transportation; creation. There is created a department of transportation under the direction and supervision of the secretary of transportation

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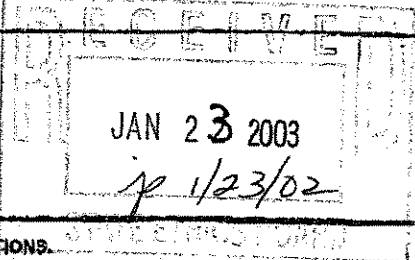
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION
INFRASTRUCTURE: Senators Leibham (Chair), Kanavas, Kedzie, Breske, and
M. Meyer

Mail or fax to: Wisconsin Ethics Board, 44 E. Mifflin St., Suite 601, Madison, WI 53703-2800; Fax: (608) 264-9319

Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2003 for calendar year 2002

Name:	Busalacchi, Frank
State position: (held or sought)	Transportation, Department of Secretary



SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPLANATION AND EXCEPTIONS.

Questions about completing this form? Call (608) 266-6115 • Other inquiries (608) 266-8123 • Attach additional pages as needed

Part A As of December 31, 2002

1. List STOCKS, BONDS, limited partnerships, Wisconsin governmental securities, and mutual and money market funds you or your family held (minimum \$5,000).

Name of security	Type of security - check one					Amount - check one	
	stock/option/futures	bond	limited partnership	Wisconsin governmental security	mutual or money mkt fund	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
Diversified Investments (Frank)	- see attached -						X
FNIB Corporation (Frank + Robin)	X					X	
Selected Funds (Nick + Andy)					X		

2. List BUSINESSES and INCOME-PRODUCING REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had a 10% or greater ownership interest.

Name of business (if any) or business activity, or address of real estate	Municipality	State	If real estate, list County	Describe nature of business
Robin Busalacchi / Away With Words	Brodfield	WI	-	self-employed writer, consultant & desktop publisher

a) For each general partnership or non-Wisconsin entity you listed in item #2, list the GENERAL PARTNERS or the OFFICERS and DIRECTORS.

Business	Partners, or officers and directors	City	State
n/a			

b) For each enterprise you listed in item #2 that is an unincorporated business, a subchapter S corporation, a service corporation (SC), a limited liability company (LLC), a partnership, or income-producing real estate, list BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, and any LOBBYISTS that were CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, or TENANTS that paid the enterprise \$1,000 or more in calendar year 2002.

Businesses, organizations, lobbyists that were customers, clients, or tenants	City	State
Southeast WI Regional Council of Carpenters (to present)	Milwaukee	WI
Teamsters Joint Council #39 (up until 6/02)	Milwaukee	WI
Wisconsin Health Fund (to present)	Milwaukee	WI

3. List the specific location of WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate whose location you listed in item 2).

LOCATION OF PROPERTY			NATURE OF INTEREST (own, lease, option, easement, land contract)
Street address or fire number	Municipality	County	
n/a			

4. List ORGANIZATIONS of which you or a family member was an OFFICER or DIRECTOR.

Business or organization	City	State	Position
Milwaukee World Festivals (Frank)	Milwaukee	WI	President
SEW Professional Baseball Park District (Frank)	Milwaukee	WI	Chairman of Construction Comm.
— see attached —			

5. List ORGANIZATIONS THAT AUTHORIZED YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER TO REPRESENT THEM in their dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative (unless listed in item 4 or 7).

Business or organization	City	State
n/a		

6. List CREDITORS to which you or your family owed \$5,000 or more.

Creditor	City	State	Amount	
			\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
Mutual Savings Bank	Milwaukee	WI	X	
Chase Mortgage	Louisville	KY		X
Ford Credit	Chicago	IL	X	

7. Changes to reportable interests this year. See instructions.

Part B

For calendar year 2002

8. List your and your family's EMPLOYERS (\$1,000 or more of income) in 2002.

Name of employer (If State of Wisconsin, identify agency or institution)	City	State	Nature of employer's business
Teamsters Local #200	Milwaukee	WI	Union
Joint Council of Teamsters	Milwaukee	WI	Union
Elmbrook Schools	Brookfield	WI	School

9. List OTHER SOURCES from which you or your family received INCOME of \$1,000 or more in 2002.

Source of income	City	State
see #2		

10. List individuals and organizations that provided you with ENTERTAINMENT or GIFTS (more than \$50) in 2002.

Name of provider	City	State
Milwaukee World Festivals	Milwaukee	WI

11. List, for 2002, sources of HONORARIA and payment of EXPENSES related to your state government duties (more than \$50) not previously reported to the Ethics Board.

Payer	Approximate value of expenses	Amount of honorarium	Circumstances of receipt
n/a			

I have read the accompanying instructions and certify that the information contained in this Statement of Economic Interests is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. If any part has been left blank, I have done so intentionally because there is nothing to report.

Frank J. Busarobin
Signature of person filing

1/22/03
Date

Daytime phone # 608-266-1114
~~busarobin@aol.com~~ busarobin@aol.com
E-mail address

The information sought in this form is required by §§19.43 and 19.44, Wisconsin Statutes. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Ethics Board will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with §16.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes, the Ethics Board states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

FRANK J. BUSALACCHI
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION POSITION
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

4. List Organizations or which you or a family member was an Officer or Director, cont.

Wisconsin Health Fund (Frank)	Milwaukee, WI	Trustee
Elmbrook Education Foundation (Robin)	Brookfield, WI	Director, Secretary
Elmbrook Senior Taxi (Robin)	Brookfield, WI	Director

NAME: Frank Busalacchi BALANCE: \$326,351.92 ACCOUNT: UN61814 00001 RETIREMENT
 PLAN OF TEAMSTERS "GENERAL" LOCAL 200

Manage Your Investment Mix

TRANSACTIONS: Allocations Fund Transfers Rebalance Investment Mix

Your Current Investment Mix has been rounded to the nearest whole percent, and shows all funds that are available under your plan.

CONSERVATIVE BOND FUNDS

<u>Intermed Bond</u>	\$0.00	%	%	%			
CONSERVATIVE BOND FUNDS Total:	\$0.00				%	%	%

MONEY MARKET

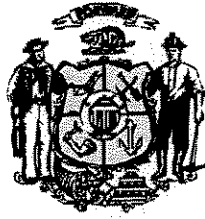
<u>Money Market</u>	\$179,190.73	%	%	%			
MONEY MARKET Total:	\$179,190.73				%	%	%

STRATEGIC ALLOCATION FUNDS

<u>Short Horzn Saf</u>	\$0.00	%	%	%			
<u>Sh/Inter Horzn Saf</u>	\$0.00		%	%	%		
<u>Inter Horzn Saf</u>	\$0.00	%	%	%			
<u>BAIanced Fund</u>	\$0.00	%	%	%			
<u>Inter/Lng Horzn Saf</u>	\$0.00		%	%	%		
<u>Long Horzn Saf</u>	\$0.00	%	%	%			
STRATEGIC ALLOCATION FUNDS Total:	\$0.00				%	%	%

AGGRESSIVE STOCK FUNDS

<u>Mid Cap Growth</u>	\$0.00	%	%	%			
<u>Mid Cap Value</u>	\$17,415.62	%	%	%			
<u>Special Equity</u>	\$28.62	%	%*	%			



December 23, 2002
Contact: Jessica Erickson, 608-261-6620

Doyle Makes Three Major Appointments

Governor-elect Jim Doyle announced the appointment of two cabinet level agency heads and one major commission head today. Doyle appointed:

- **Scott Hassett** as the **Secretary of Natural Resources**
- **Frank Busalacchi** as the **Secretary of Transportation**
- **Burnie Bridge** as **Chair of the Public Service Commission**

"These are three experienced, knowledgeable, and dedicated individuals who will be true assets to my administration," Doyle said. "I am proud that they have each answered the call to public service once again."

"Scott Hassett is a committed conservationist, an avid hunter and fisherman, and an experienced champion of the natural resource issues facing Wisconsin," Doyle said. "Scott will draw on his experience and knowledge to ensure that we protect and preserve Wisconsin's rich natural resources for future generations."

"Frank Busalacchi is a Milwaukee community leader, labor leader, and an experienced large projects manager who knows how important transportation is to the economic growth of Wisconsin," Doyle said. "Frank has shown time and time again that he can accomplish big things while balancing competing interests."

"Burnie Bridge is fair, impartial, thorough, and will come to the job at the PSC with no strings attached," Doyle said. "Burnie is a talented and experienced lawyer in the public sector who will be able to handle the complex issues that the Public Service Commission must face while ensuring that the process remains fair and open."

Governor-elect Doyle previously announced the appointments of Susan Goodwin as Chief of Staff, Marc Marotta as Secretary of Administration, David Riemer as Budget Director, Helene Nelson as the Secretary of Health and Family Services, Matthew Frank as the Secretary of Corrections, Michael Morgan as the Secretary of Revenue, Kevin Shibilski as the Secretary of Tourism, and Karen Timberlake as the Secretary of Employment Relations.

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Scott Hassett, 52, is a partner and attorney at Lawton & Cates, S.C. He has worked at Lawton & Cates for the past 22 years, handling civil, criminal and employment litigation cases statewide and environmental litigation cases on issues ranging from toxic torts to environmental pollution. He is a former chair and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. The Foundation awards grants for environmental and educational projects and has made a major commitment to the reintroduction of Whooping Cranes in Wisconsin. He is a former managing editor at the *Jefferson Banner* in Jefferson, WI. An avid hunter and fisherman, Hassett is a member of Wisconsin Bowhunters, Ducks Unlimited, Oak Ridge Rifle Club, and Bentshaft Bowhunters Club, and is a former president of the Wisconsin River Sportsman Club. He has also served as the political advisor/legal counsel for Muskies, Inc. He graduated from UW-Oshkosh in journalism in 1974 and received a law degree from Rutgers University in 1980. Hassett and his wife Chris live in Madison and have a daughter and a son.

Frank Busalacchi, 58, is the secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 200, one of the largest Teamster locals in the state. He began with the Teamsters as a business agent in 1979 and was elected president in 1991 and secretary-treasurer in 1994. He is the president of the Summerfest Board of Directors and served as the chairman of the Negotiating Committee responsible for the lease between Milwaukee World Festivals and the City of Milwaukee. Appointed by Governor Thompson in 1994, he is the Construction Committee Chairman for the Miller Park Baseball Stadium construction project. He is a member of the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee and the Greater Milwaukee Committee. Busalacchi and his wife Robin live in Brookfield and have two sons.

Burnie Bridge, 54, is the Deputy Attorney General at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. She has worked at DOJ for the past 17 years, as deputy attorney general, supervising attorney in the government operations and administrative law unit, and assistant attorney general. She is a former associate at Lommen, Nelson, Sullivan & Cole, P.A., in Minneapolis. A distinguished lecturer, Bridge has lectured at the National Association of Attorneys General, the American Bar Association Leadership Conference, and the Legal Association for Women. She is a former Guest Instructor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, a mentor in the law school's mentorship program, and a host of Madison Friends of International Students. She is past president of the Legal Association of Women and of the Madison Area Literacy Council. She is a 1970 graduate of Miami University and received a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1982. Bridge and her husband John Selbo live in Madison.

December 30, 2002

We, as concerned citizens of the State of Wisconsin, have serious issues regarding Governor Doyle's appointment of Frank Busalacchi as Transportation Secretary of the State of Wisconsin.

As evidenced by the attached documents, Mr. Busalacchi's honesty and integrity are open to question and scrutiny. Furthermore, Frank Busalacchi lacks the support of the membership of his local home union – Teamsters General Local 200 (as noted on the attached document, listing delegate votes to the last International Teamsters Convention, held in Las Vegas).

Will Mr. Busalacchi's appointed position as Transportation Secretary of the State of Wisconsin allow him the same privilege to continue his questionable, dishonest practices?

cc: Governor Elect James Doyle
Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel
Sierra Club
Summerfest Executive Board

Attachments: 4

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 200
ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES AND
ALTERNATE DELEGATES
TOTALS**

MEMBERS UNITED DELEGATE SLATE

DELEGATES

Seb Busalacchi	<u>845</u>
Frank Busalacchi	<u>843</u>
Dave Flanagan	<u>822</u>
Curt Chiaverotti	<u>830</u>
Vince Cirillo	<u>820</u>
Tom Malsack	<u>787</u>
Jim Milosch	<u>782</u>
Chris Varsos	<u>824</u>
Rick Schermerhorn	<u>809</u>

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Tim Dietrich	<u>782</u>
Eric Jorgensen	<u>772</u>
Al Wichgers	<u>758</u>

INDEPENDENT VOICE SLATE

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Steve Baker	<u>87</u>
Jack Miller	<u>89</u>

TOM LEEDHAM DELEGATE SLATE

DELEGATES

Tim Buban	<u>956</u>
Darryl Connell	<u>947</u>
Sue Bort	<u>939</u>
Reggie Turner	<u>925</u>
Roger Tarpley	<u>921</u>
Tom Kempinski	<u>924</u>
Brian Keeler	<u>912</u>
Jim Langer	<u>924</u>
Mike Luedtke	<u>936</u>

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Paul Host	<u>877</u>
Mark Monty	<u>869</u>
Brian Fox	<u>881</u>

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Keith Whiting	<u>36</u>
Jim Clark	<u>54</u>

Number of Ballots	
Valid Ballots Counted	<u>1787</u>
Void Ballots	<u>19</u>
Challenged Ballots	<u>65</u>
Total Ballots Cast	<u>1869</u>

CONSTITUENT CONTACT FORM

Date: Jan 7

Name: Cliff Neg

Address: Milwaukee

Phone: 414 - 483 - 2400

e-mail: _____

Summary of Concern:

Concerned about the appt of
Frank Borsalacchi as DOT Secretary

• Worked at A+B Advance Transport
in Milw.

- Borsalacchi's Teamsters came in
to strike and killed the business
(took over strike)

- He is a job stealer

- He threatened his family & friends

- He is bad for labor

Please call if you need more

Leibham, Joseph

From: Joe Leibham [leibham@bytehead.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2003 10:34 PM
To: Gerry Callison
Cc: Joe Leibham
Subject: RE: Say NO to Frank Busalacchi!!!!!!!!!!

*TRANSPORTATION
file*

Mr. Callison,

Thank you for your e-mail. Your message has been forwarded to Senator Leibham's state office e-mail account.

Please make a note of the Senator Leibham's legislative e-mail address:

Sen.Leibham@legis.state.wi.us

Senator Leibham can also be reached at 1.888.295.8750.

Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Gerry Callison [mailto:gerrycallison@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2003 5:04 PM
To: leibham@bytehead.com
Subject: Say NO to Frank Busalacchi!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Senator Leibham,

Please let me start by congratulating you on your reelection victory. Although our great state faces some very definite challenges, recent changes that have taken place at the top of the senate are certainly a sign of encouragement in the fight against corruption. I encourage you to continue the fight to give Wisconsin the honest state government it deserves by opposing the appointment of Frank Busalacchi to the position of transportation secretary.

Between his performance on the Miller Park construction board, his questionable practices regarding misuse of Teamster retirement funds, and his association with Jimmy Hoffa, I think it is fair to say that Mr. Busalacchi's ethics raise enough questions that a chance should not be taken on him. Our state must look beyond the current climate of corruption, and Mr. Busalacchi is just the man to take us where we don't need to be. It is unfortunate that Teamster campaign donations caused our new governor to make the decision he did.

Wisconsin has the very huge challenge of meeting its transportation needs while not raising taxes. This

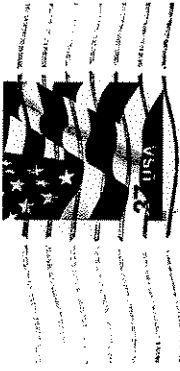
will be no easy feat, so we need a transportation secretary who will run the DOT honestly and efficiently. With Mr. Busalacchi's record with the Teamster's health care fund and over budget Miller Park, how can we expect him to do that?

I strongly encourage you to take any steps necessary to protect our state from the reign of Frank Busalacchi as Transportation Secretary.

Sincerely,

Gerry Callison

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Mail Plus - Powerful. Affordable. Sign up now.
<http://mailplus.yahoo.com>



STATE CAPITAL

c/o CHAIRMAN, SENATE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE, AND MEMBERS

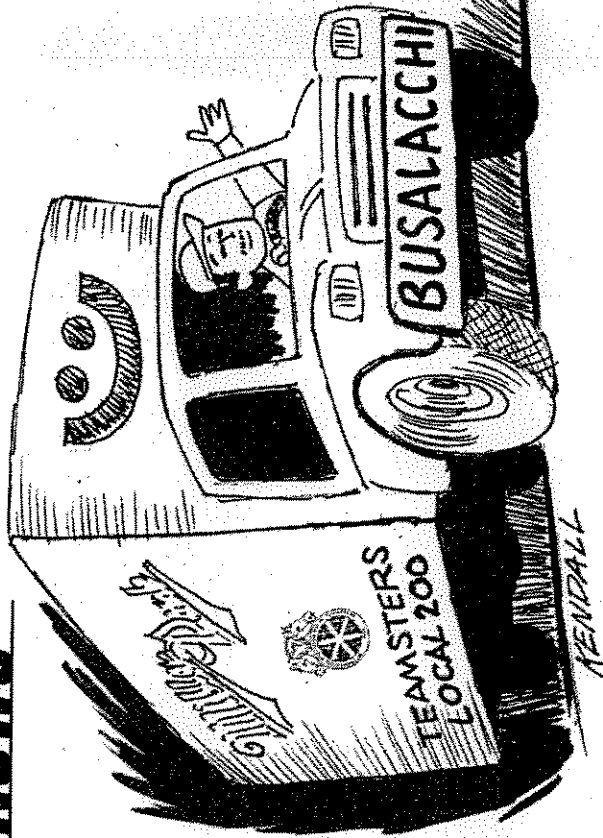
Madison, Wisc. 53707

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JAN. 17-03

DEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS: AFTER READING THIS
NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, DO YOU WANT THIS GUY
BUSALACCHI, AS TRANSPORTATION SEC. "WHAT A
Joke."

Bill C.



Hazardous Road Ahead Trouble for cabinet hopeful Frank Busalacchi?

By Doug Hisson
doug@shepherd-express.com

With Gov. Jim Doyle's cabinet nominees almost complete, the candidate drawing the most attention so far seems to be Frank Busalacchi, the Milwaukee Teamster and Transportation Secretary designee.

From the way he was chosen and the immediate reaction by some groups, Busalacchi may be in for a rough state-Senate confirmation ride. And some with-

built without a huge tax increase," read a Norquist statement.

Drawing the immediate ire of the Sierra Club were Busalacchi's comments after his nomination that road building was more important than train service and other transit options.

"The message it sends to us is expect business as usual—more wasted tax dollars, air pollution and farmland destruction," comments state Sierra Club director

and \$150 to state Sen. Gary George (D-Milwaukee) in 1998.

Internal Criticism

But other, more pointed criticism comes from those who have dealt with Busalacchi in the Teamsters world. The opinions are quite strong, ranging from resentment over the size of his four pensions to his management of the Teamsters health-care fund.

Some internal union critics have even

the Summerfest and Miller Park boards than for Teamster activity of late. It's regularly noted among rank-and-file that the Teamsters here haven't organized any new drivers in four years.

Bad Blood

Bob Machado, an organizer with the Detroit-based union reform group, Teamsters for a Democratic Union, says Busalacchi lost any national clout when

in his own union are now touting the anti-Busalacchi bandwagon.

Busalacchi, 58, started a rather public quest for the transportation job by going to the media in early December. He cited his truck-driving career and, more importantly, his nine-year leadership of the largest Teamsters chapter in the state, Local 200. He's been an officer for that union since 1979. Doyle appointed him Dec. 23.

"Frank Busalacchi is ... an experienced large projects manager who knows how important transportation is to the economic growth of Wisconsin," Doyle said in announcing the nomination. "Frank has shown time and time again that he can accomplish big things while balancing competing interests."

Opponents, however, immediately surfaced. Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist struck first, noting that Busalacchi, as a member of the regional planning freeway-study committee, voted three times for expanding local freeways at a cost of \$6.25 billion, while Doyle has promised not to raise taxes. Norquist also questioned Busalacchi's work on the Miller Park construction board.

"It's surprising that [Doyle] has appointed a transportation secretary who is largely responsible for the Milwaukee Brewers stadium cost overrun of nearly \$100 million so far, according to the Legislative Audit Bureau, and has voted for the ... freeway widening plan that can't be

Larry Terrell. "we were hoping we'd see a new day coming for the DOT, but that hasn't happened."

Similar comments came from the environmental group, 1,000 Friends. Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, a one-time Democratic candidate for governor, also urged Doyle to pick someone else.

Speculation in Madison is that Doyle held up announcing Busalacchi's nomination because there was strong internal debate among his staff as to repaying a Doyle debt to the Teamsters and former Gov. Marty Schreiber, who represents the union through his lobbying firm.

The Busalacchi-led Teamsters were good for Doyle's campaign fund, giving him at least \$55,500 in political action committee money (including \$15,000 between January 1999 and December 2000 alone)—the second highest of any PAC contributions to Doyle and by far the most to any single candidate from the Teamsters.

Various election-time membership mailings advocating Doyle were printed by the union, as was a video promoting Wisconsin's new governor. Busalacchi personally gave \$250 to Doyle in May 2002, state elections records show. The only other personal Busalacchi contributions were \$500 to state Rep. Michael Lehman (R-Hartford), chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee,

anonymously supplied various local media with documentation alleging that Busalacchi kept union opponents from getting work and that he got a free dumpster shipment to haul debris from his house through a contractor with whom he negotiated a union contract. Also leaked to the press was past court testimony from Busalacchi that he was convicted of a misdemeanor in the late 1960s for selling stolen goods.

"This guy will pave every dairy farm in the state," says one union detractor. "And he'll scrap union jobs."

Speculation runs strong among union insiders that Busalacchi worked hard to get a Doyle appointment because he knew that he and his leadership team would lose any bid for re-election at Local 200 in November.

His standing, critics say, was evident when Local 200 selected its delegates to the national convention in Las Vegas last year. A reform group backing Tom Leaham won easily against Busalacchi and his slate of nine, which backed Teamsters President James Hoffa Jr.

"(Busalacchi) was the only incumbent principal officer in the country who lost the right to go to the national convention," notes one union member.

Reached by *Shepherd Express* on his cell phone last week, Busalacchi said he was in a meeting and requested a call-back. Multiple subsequent calls were not returned as of press time. Local 200 President Seb Busalacchi (no relation to Frank) also did not return a call for this story.

The Milwaukee-born-and-raised Busalacchi's reputation in the city of Milwaukee is probably more for his work on

he was seen as a sort of union on corporations while serving as the lead freight negotiator for the International during the mid-1990s.

"They were extremely disappointed," Machado says of the rank-and-file.

And Busalacchi's local reputation with the union has been sliding since his re-election in 2000. Union members say he failed to truly disclose the condition of the union's statewide health insurance plan, which Busalacchi essentially controls through trustee appointments. He is a trustee as well.

"To win in 2000, he wanted to have the appearance of a strong health fund. All he had to do was lie in 2000, big time, and he knew he was out in 2003 anyway. It's why he came out early for Doyle," a union source says.

And shortly after Busalacchi's 2000 election, members were told that the health fund was anything but strong—with a \$118 million shortfall for retirees. A monthly premium increase from \$50 to \$250 and reduced benefits greeted retirees. "All of these problems are the result of mismanagement during the '90s," argues a union member.

Independent health-fund auditors noted that while not recording the projected expenses during years preceding the election did not violate Department of Labor regulations, it "does not conform with generally accepted accounting principles"—and that any financial statements about the fund do not present its value fairly.

Detroit attorney Ann Curry Thompson,

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finding money to do all kinds of other things," says Mindy Williams, spokeswoman for the year-old PES.

on because "these jobs will give people a sense of pride. ... And we're not going to take no for an answer." ■

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who successfully sued Michigan Teamster trustees for spending that state's health fund on everything from strip clubs to shady real estate deals, also is skeptical.

"To avoid (such problems), you need a complete professionalizing of the fund," says Thompson. Professionalizing refers to eliminating union officers from fund administration.

Pension-fund Questions

That isn't being considered here, yet, Thompson says, but she was in Milwaukee this week to talk to Local 200 members about pension concerns and a possible lawsuit to remove what's known as a "re-employment clause" in the union's pension agreement. The clause essentially prevents retirees from taking other jobs by canceling pension payments if they seek employment from any company that could ever be organized by the Teamsters.

Over the years, the re-employment clause has been invoked against retirees, Thompson says, because the Teamsters need to pay less out of the pension fund to keep it strong. "They're trying to fix the financial problems of the fund by denying someone who has paid into the fund throughout their working career the opportunity to retire, or to have a job while retired," Thompson says.

While Busalacchi has nothing to do with how the pension fund is being run on a national level, some rank-and-file charge that there is a double-standard here. Busalacchi gets four pensions—three of which are not available to the rank-and-file.

According to Teamster records, given his 32 years in the union and his most-recent \$102,971 salary, Busalacchi qualifies for about \$4,900 a month in pension payments from two pension plans, with a lump sum anywhere between \$45,000 and \$80,000 from a third. His salary from the state is scheduled to be \$108,000 a year.

But what riles some members even more is another special pension fund created by and designed for Local 200 officers and business agents that pays a two-to-one salary match out of union dues. The fund was set up while Busalacchi was a full-time union business agent.

That money is reportedly available to be paid out in a lump sum on retirement as well. In 1998, the fund had just over \$2.3 million to spread among about nine key employees and 11 others. Conservative estimates are that Busalacchi should receive well over \$300,000 from the fund.

The re-employment clause does not apply in Busalacchi's case, since state cabinet appointees cannot be unionized.

There was an effort in the late '90s to get rid of the special pension fund and turn it into a strike fund instead. Petitions were circulated, but one source says pressure from Busalacchi and other union officers prevented the effort from going anywhere.

The fact that the rank-and-file must fight against the re-employment clause while Busalacchi can leave with a substantial golden parachute will bring members out by the hundreds to hear about a possible lawsuit, says one union source.

"Longevity has its benefits, especially when you get to make the rules," assesses Bob Hauptmann, a special assistant to former Teamsters president Ron Carey.

Union members have also criticized what they see as anti-union financial moves by Busalacchi and the current Local 200 leadership. For example, the health fund recently bought 3,080 shares, worth \$156,390, of Wal-Mart stock—a company with one of the most dubious labor records in the world.

Busalacchi's nomination will first be heard by the Senate Transportation Committee, chaired by state Sen. Jim Leibham (R-Sheboygan). Hearings are expected by the end of this month. ■

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Summary of Concern:

- OPPOSES BUSALACCHI'S APPOINTMENT FOR DOT SECRETARY
- MILLER IS A UNION STEWARD FOR TEAMSTERS LOCAL 200.

- SAID HE WOULD GET A PETITION TO STOP THE CONFIRMATION AND WOULD BRING FELLOW TEAMSTERS TO PROTEST AT THE CAPITOL DURING THE HEARING.

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February 4, 2003

The Honorable Joseph Leibham, Chair
Transportation & Information Infrastructure Committee
Wisconsin State Senate
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Dear Senator Leibham:

During our January 21st meeting, we discussed a couple of specific transportation-related issues, and I hope the following response answers your questions.

During our conversation, you raised the issue of federal financial implications associated with the .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC) law for first offense operating while intoxicated (OWI). The U.S. DOT's 2001 Appropriation Act (HR 4475) required states to lower their legal limit for first offense OWI to .08 BAC by September 30, 2003 in order to continue receiving their full share of federal highway funds.

Failure to certify to U.S. DOT by July 15, 2003 that a conforming first offense .08 law would be in effect by September 30, 2003 would subject Wisconsin to an annually increasing series of withholdings in federal highway construction funds. The federal .08 mandate could cost Wisconsin nearly \$8 million in federal highway aid in FFY 2004, increasing in annual increments to an estimated penalty of more than \$38 million in FFY 2008. The potential cumulative loss of federal highway construction funds for Wisconsin for the five-year period from FFY 2004 – FFY2008 is estimated to be \$125 million. In addition, since 1998, Wisconsin has been ineligible to apply for more than \$17 million in alcohol safety incentive funds available to states that have .08 laws, funds which would have been available for any use, including highway construction. To date, 35 other states have enacted first offense .08 laws.

We also discussed the vehicle emissions program, effective in seven southeastern counties, that calls for vehicle emissions testing every two years for vehicles up to 10,000 pounds of gross vehicle weight. In response to the recent Legislative Audit Bureau report, the state Department of Natural Resources committed to performing a joint program evaluation with our department to consider program modifications that could improve customer satisfaction and save money.

The joint state agency response will be available in the very near future. We understand and appreciate your interest in this issue and hope the audit response addresses your concerns.

Again, I appreciate your time and interest, and look forward to working with you in the future. Should you have additional questions now or in the days ahead, please feel free to contact me or my Executive Assistant Randy Romanski at (608) 266-1114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank J. Busalacchi".

Frank J. Busalacchi
Secretary



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February 11, 2003

Senator Joseph Leibham
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Dear Joe:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support and endorsement of Mr. Frank Busalacchi as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. I write as a former cabinet secretary under a Republican Administration, as chairman of the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board, and as a business executive.

My previous government service gives me a strong practical understanding of what is required to direct a state agency. While the Transportation Department is much bigger and faces more complex challenges than the ones I faced at the Commerce Department, I believe my experience puts me in a unique position to support Mr. Busalacchi's appointment.

Directing an agency of thousands of employees facing significant issues requires a commitment to hard work, leadership and public service in the spirit of our great state's tradition. I am confident that he will be an excellent leader and meet and exceed the challenges set before him as Secretary.

I offer this bi-partisan support because I know Mr. Busalacchi is a man of integrity with a commitment to upholding the highest standards of public service and professionalism. During our work together, I have found him to be a steadying influence and a person with a strong work ethic, a tireless commitment to making sure the tasks before him are done right and with a true commitment to making sure the taxpayers are protected.

I also have come to know Mr. Busalacchi as a person. He has an uncanny ability to understand the most complex projects, manage them properly and develop solutions that save money. Frank is a fine leader, an excellent manager, a skilled negotiator, a seasoned facilitator and a wonderful husband, father and friend.

To those who have worked with and know Frank, he is the epitome of what a civil servant should be. I am confident that Mr. Busalacchi will serve the state quite well, and I am honored to support his nomination and call him my friend.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

~~Very Truly Yours,~~


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Dear Senator Leibham:

On behalf of the nearly 5000 men and women of the Milwaukee & Southeast Wisconsin Regional Council of Carpenters serving members in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Kenosha and Racine Counties, we wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Mr. Frank Busalacchi as Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Busalacchi is widely recognized and respected as a Milwaukee community leader whose experience and wealth of knowledge of the construction industry will prove to be an asset for the entire state of Wisconsin. Mr. Busalacchi understands the transportation needs of southeastern Wisconsin as it relates to the complex freeway system and we are confident that he will balance those needs against what is best for the entire state of Wisconsin.

The Milwaukee & Southeast Wisconsin Regional Council of Carpenters represents the interests of working carpenters, millwrights, piledrivers, carpet layers and other affiliate trades within our jurisdiction. Our goal is to insure that working men and women are treated fairly and safely in the workplace. Mr. Busalacchi has demonstrated his commitment to providing a fair and safe environment for Wisconsin's working families.

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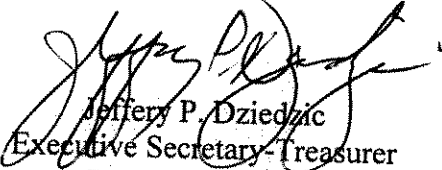
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Mr. Busalacchi is well respected throughout the state of Wisconsin by both labor and management because of his ability to balance competing interest while not compromising his integrity, honor or Wisconsin's working families. It is for all of these reasons that we request a hearing and confirmation of Mr. Busalacchi as the next Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,



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Joint Assembly-Senate Transportation Committee Informational Hearing
February 13, 2003**

Introductions and thanks

- Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today.
- Thanks to the committee chairs – Senator Leibham and Representative Ainsworth – for arranging the joint hearing.
- It's nice to get the two-for-one deal by having a joint information hearing with both the Assembly and Senate committees. That's what we call government efficiency!
- I also appreciate your inviting the transportation organizations to join us.
- I've been meeting with some of the folks here today and many others over the past few weeks. I welcome this as another chance to listen to them and hear more about their ideas and concerns.
- I've got a brief presentation that lays out some of our goals and challenges.

Transportation is important to the economy

- I think we all agree the top challenge facing the state is the economy.
- I think most of us in this room also agree that transportation contributes to a healthy economy. We must continue to invest in a broad spectrum of transportation options to support economic growth throughout the state.
- Transportation is a vital component for growth. Consider that:
 - Over 3,400 businesses export \$10.5 billion of products each year.

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- Almost \$270 billion worth of freight is carried to, from and through the state each year.
- 3.4 million people commute to jobs each day.
- Tourists who travel around the state spent \$11.4 billion in 2001.

Tough economic times

- Right now, the state's economy is in tough shape.
- The current fiscal situation will have impacts on transportation programs and services.
- Our vision for transportation must be tempered with the fiscal reality of today.
- Two things will be a top priority in our decision making:
 - Maintain and preserve the system that's already in place
 - Make targeted, strategic investments to position the state for future growth
- I am confident we can do these things and still move forward with significant advances for transportation in Wisconsin.
- Let's review a few priorities in the next few years.

Safety a top priority

- Safety will always be a top priority for the DOT.
- Safety considerations will continue to guide all our programs – whether it's engineering, regulatory oversight, education or enforcement.

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- People who travel in Wisconsin need to be confident the system is safe.
- We must especially work to reduce the number of highway fatalities. Last year was one of the deadliest in more than a decade – 805 traffic deaths.
- The ideal, of course, is zero fatalities, but the majority of crashes are not something we control. They're caused by bad driver behaviors, such as driving too fast, driving drunk or not wearing seat belts.
- We believe reducing the blood-alcohol level from 0.10 to 0.08 will keep more drunk drivers off the road and we will work to support this change in the upcoming legislative session.
- There is also lots of discussion going on about whether the state ought to strengthen its seat belt law to help save lives. This is an important topic that should obtain a full public policy debate by the Legislature.

Importance of the State Patrol

- The Wisconsin State Patrol will continue to play an important role in keeping roads safe.
- The State Patrol is the only law enforcement agency in the state dedicated to traffic enforcement – they're patrolling the Interstate system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Contrary to the popular view, they are not just giving out speeding citations. Last year, troopers came to the aid of over 70,000 motorists.
- They are the smallest state force in the nation based on officers per capita.
- The Patrol also does much more than traffic enforcement. It is the only law enforcement agency that performs motor carrier inspections. This includes:

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- Size and weight inspections at weight enforcement facilities.
 - Inspections of vehicle safety equipment and drivers' logs
 - Inspections of hazardous material shipments
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- These inspections have resulted in a decrease in commercial motor vehicle crashes. Fatal crashes involving trucks have dropped 33 percent since 1991.
 - The State Patrol is the only agency that provides inspection of school buses, ambulances, motor coaches, human service and salvage vehicles.
 - The State Patrol maintains the only statewide public safety communications network.
 - 130 local, state and federal agencies use the network.
 - It allows dispatchers to communicate across the state and coordinate enforcement officers from various jurisdictions.
 - An independent radio network will operate if other systems fail after a disaster or a terrorist attack.
 - The State Patrol is a strong partner with local law enforcement.
 - Troopers provide back-up to local agencies in handling incidents, weather disasters and many other events and disturbances.
 - Patrol officers are also specially trained in crash reconstruction. They are increasingly being called upon to provide this service to local law enforcement agencies – such as in the aftermath of horrible I-43 crash in Sheboygan County last year.
 - The State Patrol is a wonderful asset to the state of Wisconsin.

Customer service also a top priority

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- When most people think of the DOT, they think of the DMV – the Division of Motor Vehicles.
- DMV provides a face to government. This face must continue to be friendly and helpful.
- DMV serves 50,000 customers a day through personal, phone, mail or electronic contact. Many of these contacts are in person at 104 customer service centers around the state.
- In response to budget cuts, we closed 24 part-time centers. It is not our intention to recommend closing any more customer service sites.
- We are committed to giving Wisconsin citizens access to DMV services and would like to proceed with some service enhancements:
 - Exploring new ways to serve non-English speaking customers
 - Meeting the needs of an aging population
 - Finding creative ways to increase efficiencies and provide better customer service through partnerships and technology – that includes expanding our on-line service options
- We already have thousands of business partners around the state.
- Our partners help us process vehicle titles, issue license plates, conduct vehicle emission tests and administer commercial vehicle operator skill tests.
- We will continue to explore other partnership opportunities.
- Customer service is a hallmark of great companies. It will continue to be a measure of distinction in the DMV and all areas of the DOT.

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Infrastructure investments

- Investments in the transportation infrastructure are needed to meet the mobility needs of people and business.
- Wisconsin's multi-modal system provides the transportation network needed for economic growth.
- We're working to update the state's long-range transportation plan. It's being called Connections 2030. It will look at all modes of travel – state and local highways, transit, rail, waterports, airports, bicycle and walking.
- This will be an opportunity to take a comprehensive look at what we want our transportation system to be in the future and lay out a plan to achieve it.
- This plan, to be completed in late 2004, will help guide future budgets and programs starting with the 2005-2007 budget.
- In the meantime, we need to invest in all modes. Let me highlight a few of the needs.

STATE HIGHWAYS

- The highways and bridges on the state system are the only part of transportation the state solely owns and operates.
- I know you've heard this before, but it bears repeating. State highways account for only about 10 percent of the road miles in Wisconsin, but they carry 60 percent of the traffic – that means constant wear and tear.
- The bulk of the state highway budget goes toward maintaining and preserving the existing system. This focus will remain.

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Highway maintenance

- One challenge in the state highway program is highway maintenance.
- Changes in the way we budget for this program has created some serious funding shortfalls and impacted the services we can provide.
- Last November, the Joint Finance Committee approved the department's request for a \$10 million budget supplement for highway maintenance and operations.
- We appreciate this action. But, even with the additional \$10 million, we've had to cut back with sign installations, new highway lighting, traffic signals and intelligent transportation system projects.

State highway needs

- Another challenge – the number of projects far outweigh the dollars available.
- The State Highway Plan that was done a few years ago identified a \$5 billion dollar gap in funding to fully address needs over a 20-year period.
- As you know, the Transportation Projects Commission accepted our recommendation and did not enumerate any new projects for the Majors Program.
- Each of the four project candidates is worthy of construction. All have undergone years of technical analysis. But, funding is insufficient to begin construction within six years as required by law.

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Marquette Interchange

- We have another major problem – that’s figuring out how to pay for work on the Marquette Interchange.
- The Marquette is the state’s highest priority infrastructure project. It will cost up to \$890 million to rebuild it the right way – with safety improvements and upgrades to allow for more traffic to move through the Interchange.
- We can’t count on additional federal dollars to pick up the entire tab.
- Governor Doyle will present a funding plan for the Marquette in his budget.
- We are fully committed to moving this project forward for the benefit of the entire state’s economic health.

Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission – SEWRPC

- We will also continue to review efforts by SEWRPC to develop a long-range plan for reconstructing the entire southeast Wisconsin freeway system.
- A decision must be made on whether the system should be rebuilt with additional lanes to adequately handle traffic volumes in the future.
- SEWRPC will make a recommendation to the state this spring.
- Wisconsin DOT will then conduct a careful review of the recommendation. There is still a long way to go in the process before a final decision is made on how to proceed.

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LOCAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES

- I know you want to protect the projects in your parts of the state.
- During these tough financial times, we're committed to meeting the most critical needs. Frankly, some projects that are not the most critical may need to be slightly delayed.
- Our commitment to help fund local transportation services and facilities remains firm. We know this is important.
- In the last biennium, 36 percent of the transportation budget – more than \$1.65 billion – was dedicated to local programs. That includes local road aids, transit assistance and General Transportation Aids.
- Wisconsin ranks 11th among all states in the level of transit operating aid provided with state revenue.
- We want to work with local communities to enhance transit services.
- Wisconsin's 69 public transit systems play a vital role in our transportation network, transporting about 77 million paid passengers each year.
- Transit will continue to be so important in getting inner city residents to jobs and to meet needs of aging and disabled populations.

RAIL

- Investing in other modes is also important.
- Wisconsin has been a long-time financial supporter of Amtrak service.
- We have high hopes for the renovated Milwaukee Amtrak Station. Over \$3 million in private and public sector funds have gone towards renovating the station to develop it into an intermodal terminal.

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- The state will continue to examine other options for passenger rail, but it really comes down to a matter of funding.
- Our best hope for passenger rail expansion is to press Congress for a long-term federal funding program for rail, as it has provided for all other modes.

AIRPORTS

- We will also continue to work closely with our Congressional delegation to obtain federal funding to help complete airport projects around the state.
- Aviation generates over \$2.1 billion in economic activity each year.
- The delegation has been very supportive and instrumental in gaining federal airport improvements funds.
- I assure you that our department will continue to work to use those funds wisely and keep Wisconsin's airports competitive.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Whatever the transportation project, an important focus for the department will be consideration of the environmental impacts – whether they're impacts on air or water quality, land use or neighborhoods.
- The department's approach to transportation projects will continue to evolve to take a more comprehensive approach to public involvement.
- We're working hard to actively involve more people in the decision-making process and to make sure impacts on communities are carefully considered.

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Summary statement

- Our vision for transportation is simple – to provide the transportation infrastructure and services that support and foster a growing economy.
- Balancing transportation needs against the dollars available will not be easy.
- The current fiscal crisis will force us to make some hard choices when we set priorities.
- We cannot count on federal funds to bail us out. The news on federal appropriations and reauthorization bills indicates we will not see the same kind of funding increases that we benefited from in the past.
- I can assure you, we will use available resources to best meet the needs of the citizens of this state and provide a sound foundation for the future.
- Thank you for your support.

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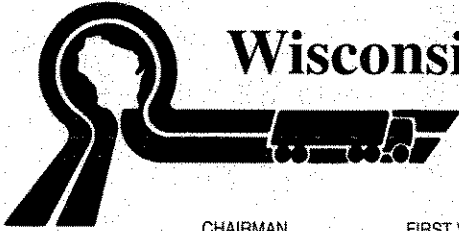
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March 11, 2003

To: Members
Senate Transportation & Information Infrastructure Committee

Subject: Appointment of Frank Busalacchi

I will be out of town on Wednesday, March 19th when the Senate Transportation and Information Infrastructure Committee holds a public hearing on the appointment of Frank Busalacchi as Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

However, I did want to take this opportunity to whole-heartedly endorse Governor James Doyle's selection of Frank Busalacchi as DOT Secretary. I have known Frank for many years and I have the utmost respect for him as a leader and as a person.

Frank understands the importance of transportation and has been an outspoken advocate for highway safety during his years with the Teamsters Union. There are numerous challenges and critical issues facing transportation, but certainly one of the most important is safety for the users of our transportation system.

Many of our members are non-union, but the unionized carriers that got to know Frank during his days as a Teamster have a tremendous amount of respect for him. They feel that Frank effectively represented his membership while also understanding the day-to-day realities that Wisconsin business owners face.

Frank is hard working, honest, open-minded and possesses the leadership qualities that will make him an outstanding Department of Transportation Secretary.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mary:

As a supporter of yours who seldom asks you for anything, I'd like to ask you for your attention and consideration of an important appointment coming up this month. I'd just like to say that I've known Frank Busalacchi for many years and watched him in action on a number of important public issues.

Frank is a straight talking man of his word. He understands the importance of a bipartisan approach to public issues and knows the art of negotiation, compromise and consensus building. During these difficult times, we need leaders who can work together even as they recognize their differences and often-competing interests of different constituencies. I believe Frank is the right man for the job in transportation.

I also have great respect for your leadership over the years and believe that we will work through the current budget crisis and get this state back on its feet. I appreciate any and every positive consideration that you can give to Frank's nomination.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mary Panzer
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The Honorable Joseph Leibham, Chair
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Dear Senators Panzer & Leibham:

I am writing to wholeheartedly support Frank Busalacchi's nomination as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Frank Busalacchi is a proven leader with a good understanding of transportation issues in Wisconsin. As a former secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 200, he has solid experience in the freight and motor carrier industry. Frank also clearly understands and supports the need for multimodal solutions to support freight and passenger travel with a statewide network of state highways, local roads, rail service, airports, harbors, public transit services and bicycle/pedestrian facilities. His recent selection of Administrators and a Deputy illustrate that he understands the strengths of the department and wants to continue to enhance its value to the state.

Frank Busalacchi also has excellent experience in supporting southeastern Wisconsin. Through his work with Summerfest and the Miller Park project, and as a resident of the area, he has developed a solid understanding of the needs and concerns of the region. This experience will be vital as Wisconsin preserves and improves the transportation system in the southeast region over the next several years.

Frank Busalacchi brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this position, and I ask you to support his nomination as Transportation Secretary.

Sincerely,


Terry Mulcahy, A.E.



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Senator Joe Leibham
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Dear Senator Leibham:

I have recently been informed that the Senate Transportation Committee will hold a public hearing on the confirmation of Frank Busalacchi to serve as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. On behalf of the Transportation Development Association (TDA), I would like to support Frank Busalacchi's nomination and recommend him for confirmation.

As the Department of Transportation Secretary Designee, Frank Busalacchi has been very accessible and forthright. His past experience as a truck driver and union president provide him with an understanding of the importance of transportation to job creation and economic growth.

The transportation industry faces significant challenges in the coming years. While TDA does not support Governor Doyle's transfer of segregated transportation funds to the general fund, we appreciate the willingness of the Secretary Designee to discuss the issues in a professional and positive manner. I am hopeful that your committee and the full Senate will look favorably upon his confirmation as Secretary.

Sincerely,

Robert Cook
Executive Director

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March 12, 2003

The Honorable Mary E. Panzer
Senate Majority Leader
South State Capitol, Room 211
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Panzer:

I am writing to provide my professional support of Frank Busalacchi's nomination as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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Frank Busalacchi brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this position, and I ask you to support his nomination as Transportation Secretary.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Matzke
Division Administrator

Cc: Senator Joseph Leibham, 9th Senate District
Secretary Busalacchi, Wisconsin Department of Transportation



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Date: March 12, 2003

To: Senator Joseph Leibham, Chair
Committee on Transportation & Information Infrastructure

Senators Kanavas, Kedzie, Breske and Meyer
Committee members

From: Tom Walker, Executive Director *Tom Walker*
Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association

Cc: Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer
WisDOT Secretary-Designate Frank Busalacchi

RE: **Confirmation of Frank Busalacchi**

Honorable Senators:

I am writing to convey my Association's wholehearted endorsement of Frank Busalacchi as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. I would prefer to personally testify at next Wednesday's confirmation hearing, however, WTBA will be holding its Annual Convention on that day.

Since his appointment, Mr. Busalacchi has shown a tremendous amount of energy, enthusiasm and openness about the many transportation needs facing Wisconsin. He has been candid and honest in our discussions about transportation investment priorities and funding issues. When there are areas of disagreement, Mr. Busalacchi does not become disagreeable. He is true to his word when he says his door is open to all constituencies.

I believe Frank Busalacchi is the right person to lead the Department in these challenging times because of his background as a builder and worker advocate who has seen the positive economic influence of transportation investment on citizens and businesses. He understands that investing in transportation infrastructure will create the type of jobs and long-term economic growth that will allow Wisconsin to remain a great place to live and do business.

It is clear that Frank Busalacchi has a passion for transportation that will benefit WisDOT and all of Wisconsin. I urge the committee to confirm him as WisDOT Secretary.



**Wisconsin Automobile & Truck
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March 12, 2003

Senator Joe Leibham
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RE: Senate Transportation & Information Infrastructure Committee
Hearing on March 19

Dear Chairman Leibham ,

The Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association supports the nomination of Frank Busalacchi as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. His background makes him an excellent choice for this important position.

We encourage you and the committee to affirm his nomination.

On behalf of the dealers,

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Gerrard
Legal Counsel

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Matzke".

Bruce E. Matzke
Division Administrator

Cc: Senator Mary E. Panzer, 20th Senate District
Secretary Busalacchi, Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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March 12, 2003

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The Honorable Joseph Leibham, Chair
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Dear Senators Panzer & Leibham:

I am writing to provide my endorsement of Frank Busalacchi as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

I met with Mr. Busalacchi several times just before and after he replaced me as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. I found him to be very committed to maintaining the integrity of the department and continuing the efficient delivery of transportation programs and services.

Frank Busalacchi is a proven leader with a good understanding of transportation issues in Wisconsin. As a former secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 200, he has a keen awareness of the perspectives of the thousands of men and women employed in transportation industries in Wisconsin, including operators, consultants, contractors or maintenance workers. He knows that quality transportation is the product of many partners in the public and private sector, and he will work to enhance those partnerships.

Frank Busalacchi also has excellent experience working with major public projects. Frank provided solid leadership on the Summerfest Board and as construction chairman for Miller Park. As a result of his work, Milwaukee and Wisconsin will enjoy the economic and recreational benefits of these venues for years to come.

I urge you to support the nomination of Frank Busalacchi as Transportation Secretary. I am confident he will provide great service to Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

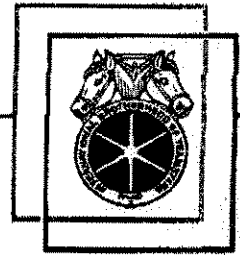


Thomas E. Carlsen, P.E.

Former Secretary

TEAMSTERS "GENERAL" LOCAL UNION No. 200

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SEB BUSALACCHI, *President*FRANK BUSALACCHI, *Secretary-Treasurer*

January 1999

Dear Sister or Brother:

DAVID FLANAGAN
Vice-President

We need your help!

TIMOTHY BUBAN
Recording Secretary

There is a business that wants to add 700 jobs in Milwaukee, help reduce welfare and contribute millions of dollars to local charities.

CURTIS CHIAVEROTTI
*Trustee*VINCENT CIRILLO
Trustee

The Potawatomi want to expand their casino. When they do, 700 more people will be working in Milwaukee. The jobs are family supporting jobs with full benefits that average more than \$11.00 per hour. ~~And the Potawatomi are willing to make payments to city, county, and state governments totaling \$12 Million dollars per year. Imagine the impact.~~

MICHAEL ROTKA
Trustee

You should know the Potawatomi are the only tribe in Wisconsin limited to 200 slot machines and no blackjack. Every other tribe can have as many slots and blackjack tables as the traffic will bear. That discrimination is unjust to the Potawatomi, to Milwaukee and our economy.

It is hard to believe, but some political leaders say an expanded casino would hurt our city's image. St. Louis has six casinos and Kansas City has five casinos. Green Bay and the Wisconsin Dells are much smaller towns with larger casinos that employ over 3,500 people. No one thinks of those cities as casino towns?

While out of town visitors bypass Milwaukee for gaming entertainment, the jobs bypass Milwaukee. There are 15,000 unemployed people in Milwaukee. Those people without jobs are hurt. Their hurt also hurts the city's image far more than an up to date and larger casino.

Your elected officials need your help in making this decision. Enclosed is a postcard addressed to your City Alderman. I ask you to take a minute to sign your name and send the postcard. To make sure they get the message, I urge you to also call your Alderman at 286-2221.

Thank you for your help in fighting for jobs, for our economy and against discrimination.

Fraternally,

TEAMSTERS "GENERAL" LOCAL
UNION NO. 200

Frank Busalacchi
Secretary-Treasurer

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