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Biennial Budget: 2015-17

DOA Tracking Code: BB0245

Topic: Freight Rail Preservation Program SEG Appropriation

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Agency Acronym: WisDOT

Agency Number: 395

Priority: Low

Intent:

Create a new continuing SEG appropriation for the Freight Rail Preservation Program to provide dual SEG and bond funding streams for the program similar to the Harbor Assistance Program 20.395(2)(cq)

Set the expenditure levels at \$0 in FY16 and FY17

More information found on p. 154 of DOT's budget submission
<http://doa.wisconsin.gov/Documents/DEBF/Budget/Biennial%20Budget/2015-17%20Agency%20Request/395%20WisDOT%20Budget%20Request%202015-17.pdf>

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DIN 5201: FRPP SEG APPROPRIATION

DEPARTMENT: 395	PROGRAM: 02	SUBPROGRAM: 02	APPROPRIATION: 293	DECISION ITEM: 5201	TOTAL
EXPENDITURE ITEMS			1ST YEAR COST	2ND YEAR COST	0.00
17	TOTAL COST		0.00		0.00

SUMMARY: The Department requests the creation of a new continuing SEG appropriation in section 20.395(2), Wisconsin Statutes, for the Freight Rail Preservation Program. The Department requests funding in the new appropriation be set at \$0 for FY 16 and FY 17.

DISCUSSION The Freight Rail Preservation Program (FRPP) is one of two freight rail assistance programs administered by the Department (the other is the Freight Rail Improvement Program). Wisconsin's original rail assistance program was created in 1977 to help communities and shippers preserve freight rail service during an era when widespread railroad bankruptcies and line abandonments threatened the availability of freight rail service in Wisconsin. Initially, the program was limited to grants to local governments because of constitutional restrictions on state assistance to railroads.

However, in 1992 Wisconsin voters approved a constitutional amendment that included railroads in the list of internal improvements state money could fund. With the constitutional amendment, the original rail assistance grant program was replaced by the current FRPP.

Under the FRPP, the Department has the authority to purchase freight rail lines in the state in order to preserve current or future freight rail service. The program also provides grants to local units of government, industries, and railroads for the purpose of preserving and rehabilitating state-owned rail lines.

The FRPP is currently funded entirely with bond funding. A program entirely funded with bonds may not be sustainable over the long-term due to the debt service requirements on the Transportation Fund. In addition, the use of bond funds includes certain restrictions that limit the projects the program can fund as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of the program. Dual funding with SEG and bond funds, similar to the Harbor Assistance Program, would help to address these limits on the program.



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