

WHEREAS, adequate mass transit is an urgent necessity as a component in a balanced system of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the efforts to provide effective mass transportation systems have fallen behind the reality of the crisis both throughout America and within our state; and

WHEREAS, most of the urban bus systems in Wisconsin face uncertain futures because of decreasing patronage and growing operational expenses which result in increased fares and reduced service; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has made an historic commitment to supporting urban mass transit by enactment of the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970 which allows the federal government to absorb up to two-thirds of the costs of equipment and facilities, i.e., the capital costs of owning a bus system; and

WHEREAS, the burden of helping to cover growing deficits in the operational expenses incurred in trying to maintain mass transportation systems then falls upon local governmental units; and

WHEREAS, the financial resources of local governments are limited and the local tax burden has already reached intolerable limits in area after area throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin must move decisively to help solve the problems of mass transportation and assist local units of government to meet the complex needs in this area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has the responsibility of providing for the balanced development of a transportation network, which includes the strengthening and preservation of mass transit; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has the responsibility of giving each urban area the assistance it requires and coordinating the efforts of individual units of government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of Wisconsin, do hereby create

THE GOVERNOR'S STUDY COMMITTEE ON MASS TRANSIT

to examine thoroughly the existing status of mass transportation throughout Wisconsin and determine means by which the state can best assist urban areas to preserve and improve mass transit.

I charge the Study Committee to consider the following questions:

1. How can the state best help local bodies maintain and improve present mass transit systems and establish new systems where they are needed but do not presently exist?
2. What are the proper priorities of a state transit-aid program among such elements as capital assistance, planning aid, fare and service stabilization, research, demonstration and development projects and other special programs?
3. What mechanisms are needed on the local level to carry out the organization, planning, financing and implementation of mass transit systems which will effectively and efficiently serve an entire urban area?
4. What type of organization is needed at the state level to coordinate, evaluate and implement all issues and decisions related to mass transit?
5. How should planning for mass transit be coordinated with comprehensive planning, land-use planning and transportation planning? How should this coordination be effected on the state and local levels?
6. What are the potential sources of revenue available to finance a state transit-aid program, federal monies or such state sources as the segregated highway fund?
7. What new legislation dealing with mass transit is needed in Wisconsin?
8. What progressive programs are being developed by other states to cope with mass transit problems?
9. How does existing and proposed federal legislation affect mass transit in Wisconsin?
10. What is the proper relationship between mass transit systems and school transportation systems?
11. What should the policy of the state be toward mass transit fare structures?
12. How can the accounting and reporting procedures currently used by the state's mass transit systems be improved to best assist in the efficient management of and effective planning for transit operations?

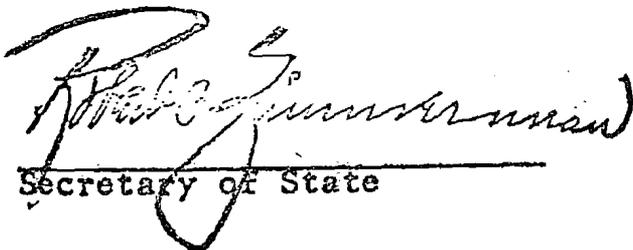
In the course of its study, the Committee may consider any additional questions related either directly or indirectly to those included in the charge, hold public hearings, request interested parties to appear and submit data and do whatever else is necessary to carry out its task. It will have full authority to conduct independent research and publish interim and final reports.

The work of the Committee will be coordinated with the ongoing studies and recommendations of the Governor's Land Resources Committee and the Governor's Study Committee on Metropolitan Problems. Coordination of staff support shall be provided by the Department of Transportation. The Committee will present its recommendations to me as soon as possible within one year of the date of this Executive Order.

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 27th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

PATRICK J. LUCEY
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:



Secretary of State