

GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AIDS

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's local governments expend a significant portion of their budgets to maintain and improve the transportation systems under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, state aids to localities account for approximately 40% of the state's transportation budget; and

WHEREAS, when the highway aids formula was revised in 1977, each local government unit was granted the payment it received that year or the payment under the new formula, whichever was larger, and three-fourths of the local units now receive aids on the basis of the 1977 payment; and

WHEREAS, the highway aids formula is so complex it is difficult for the people to understand and hinders the formulation of sound public policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 14.019, Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Special Committee on Transportation Aids to consist of four members of the State Legislature, four persons representing local government, and a public member, who shall be chair, each appointed by the Governor.
2. Charge the Special Committee with examining all aspects of local highway aids, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) determining the most appropriate highway aids distribution pattern, taking into account rural and urban transportation needs, the equitable treatment of all similar roadways throughout the state, the varying state interest in classes of roads that serve different purposes and the source of user fees going into the transportation fund;
 - (b) determining methods for eliminating or limiting the hold-harmless aids category in order to provide for a more equitable highway aids distribution;
 - (c) assessing the impact of non-highway related transportation aids on local transportation expenditures; and
 - (d) simplifying the current highway aid formula.
3. Direct the chair of the Special Committee to deliver a final report to the Governor by December 1, 1982, which shall include the Special Committee's recommendations for changes in the transportation aids programs, with primary focus on the highway aids program.

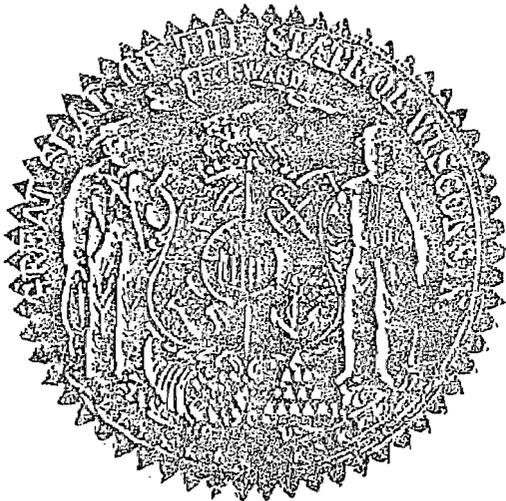
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4. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to provide staff assistance for the Special Committee.
5. Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Special Committee with such sums of money as are necessary for legitimate travel and operating expenses as provided by the Joint Finance Committee under Section 20.505(3) (a), Wisconsin Statutes.



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 8th day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one.

Lee Sherman Dreyfus
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By The Governor:

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