



2005 SENATE BILL 162

April 8, 2005 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 15.467 (5) and 85.021 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating a
2 Council on Transportation Infrastructure in the Department of Transportation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a 16-member Council on Transportation Infrastructure (council) in the Department of Transportation (DOT). The membership of the council is composed of the following: four persons who have knowledge or experience in matters related to transportation infrastructure, appointed by the governor; four persons who have knowledge or experience in matters related to transportation infrastructure, of whom one person is appointed by, respectively, the speaker of the assembly, the assembly minority leader, the senate majority leader, and the senate minority leader; two state officers with duties related to transportation infrastructure, appointed by the governor; the secretary of transportation (secretary) or his or her designee, who serves as the chairperson; and five legislative members, three from the assembly and two from the senate, who serve on standing committees dealing with transportation matters, appointed as are members of legislative standing committees. All members, except the secretary or his or her designee and the five legislative members, serve staggered three-year terms. The council is authorized to consider and make recommendations to DOT on matters related to transportation infrastructure development, including intermodal transportation opportunities among railways, highways, waterways, harbors, and airports in this state and between these transportation modes in this state and those of other jurisdictions. The council may consider and make recommendations to DOT on any matter related to transportation infrastructure development, including

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opportunities for interaction and interconnection between appropriate modes of transportation; the standards and measures by which consumers select modes of transportation; the adequacy of infrastructure capacity for all appropriate modes of transportation; and opportunities for cooperation and coordination with other states and provinces in order to improve transportation between Wisconsin and other markets. The council must meet at least once each quarter. Members of the council are not compensated for their services but are reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Upon request by the secretary, the council must provide a report to the secretary, not more often than annually, on the operation of the council. The council's authorization and functions terminate on June 30, 2017.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 15.467 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

2 15.467 (5) COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) There is created
3 in the department of transportation a council on transportation infrastructure
4 consisting of the following members:

5 1. Four members who have knowledge or experience in matters related to
6 transportation infrastructure, appointed by the governor.

7 2. One member who has knowledge or experience in matters related to
8 transportation infrastructure appointed by the speaker of the assembly.

9 3. One member who has knowledge or experience in matters related to
10 transportation infrastructure appointed by the assembly minority leader.

11 4. One member who has knowledge or experience in matters related to
12 transportation infrastructure appointed by the senate majority leader.

13 5. One member who has knowledge or experience in matters related to
14 transportation infrastructure appointed by the senate minority leader.

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1 6. Two state officers, part of whose duties shall be related to transportation
2 infrastructure, appointed by the governor.

3 7. The secretary of transportation or his or her designee, who shall serve as the
4 chairperson.

5 8. Three representatives to the assembly, appointed as are the members of
6 assembly standing committees, who serve on any assembly standing committee
7 dealing with transportation matters.

8 9. Two senators, appointed as are the members of senate standing committees,
9 who serve on any senate standing committee dealing with transportation matters.

10 (b) Members of the council appointed under par. (a) 1. to 6. shall serve for
11 3-year terms.

12 (c) This subsection does not apply after June 30, 2017.

13 **SECTION 2.** 85.021 of the statutes is created to read:

14 **85.021 Council on transportation infrastructure.** The council on
15 transportation infrastructure shall consider matters related to transportation
16 infrastructure development, including intermodal transportation opportunities
17 among railways, highways, waterways, harbors, and airports in this state and
18 between such transportation modes in this state and those of other jurisdictions, and
19 shall make recommendations to the department on such matters. The council may
20 consider and make recommendations on any matter related to transportation
21 infrastructure development, including opportunities for interaction and
22 interconnection between appropriate modes of transportation, the standards and
23 measures by which consumers select modes of transportation, the adequacy of
24 infrastructure capacity for all appropriate modes of transportation, and
25 opportunities for cooperation and coordination with other states and provinces in

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1 order to improve transportation between Wisconsin and other markets. The council
2 shall meet at least once each quarter. This section does not apply after June 30, 2017.

3 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) Notwithstanding the length of terms specified in section 15.467 (5) (b) of the
5 statutes, as created in this act, the initial members of the council on transportation
6 infrastructure appointed under section 15.467 (5) (a) 1. to 6. of the statutes, as
7 created by this act, shall be appointed for the following terms:

8 (a) Two members appointed under section 15.467 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes, as
9 created by this act, and the members appointed under section 15.467 (5) (a) 2. and
10 3. of the statutes, as created by this act, for terms expiring on July 1, 2006.

11 (b) One member appointed under section 15.467 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes, as
12 created by this act, the members appointed under section 15.467 (5) (a) 4. and 5. of
13 the statutes, as created by this act, and one member appointed under section 15.467
14 (5) (a) 6. of the statutes, as created by this act, for terms expiring on July 1, 2007.

15 (c) One member appointed under section 15.467 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes, as
16 created by this act, and one member appointed under section 15.467 (5) (a) 6. of the
17 statutes, as created by this act, for terms expiring on July 1, 2008.

18 (END)