Elections & 2015-16 Legislative Session

WAPA ANNUAL CONVENTION

DECEMBER 2, 2014
November Elections
Constitutional Amendment Passes!

• Thank You to the 80% of Supporters!
• Multi-year effort by Broad Coalition
• Allows for Full Legislative Debate on Funding
  ➢ “Just Putting Water in a Leaky Bucket”
  ➢ “Funding off the table until users guaranteed fees will be used for their intended purpose”
Governor’s Race

- Walker captured 1,252,750 votes
- Defeated Burke by 136,807 votes
- Captured 56 of 72 counties
- Captured 52.3% of the vote

Gov. Scott Walker

Mary Burke
Attorney General’s Race

- Schimel captured 1,211,269 votes
  - 41,481 less than Walker
- Defeated Happ by 145,545 votes
- Captured 57 of 72 counties
- Captured 51.6% of the vote
State Assembly

Pre-Election
GOP: 60  Dem: 39

Post-Election
GOP: 63  Dem: 36

Romaine Quinn def. Rep. Steve Smith in 75th

Nancy VanderMeer def. Rep. Amy Sue Vruwink in 70th

David Heaton def. Rep. Mandy Wright in 85th
State Senate

Pre-Election
GOP: 17  Dem: 15

Post-Election
GOP: 19  Dem: 14

Van Wangaard wins
Racine-area 21st District

Kedzie vacancy
Post-Election Observations

- **Senate Dem. Leadership – Jen Shilling replaces Chris Larson**
  - Rep. Barca survives leadership challenge in Assembly

- **Significant turnover**
  - 56 of 99 Assembly reps. weren’t in office for 2011 Act 10 chaos
  - Joint Finance: Losing ½ of its membership -- Sens. Leibham, Grothman, Lazich & Shilling & Reps. LaMahieu, Klenke, Williams & Vruwink

- **Bi-partisan awareness of transportation funding challenges**
2015-17 Budget
Transportation Investment Coalition

• **Broad coalition of stakeholders**

• **Nearly 100 meetings with Legislators/Candidates June-Oct.**
  - In district with constituents
  - Here’s what transportation means to your district
  - Transportation funding realities
    - Keep all options on the table
    - Avoid unrealistic promises ... NO NEW TAXES OR TAX INCREASES
Transportation Investment Coalition

- **Common themes from Legislators/Candidates:**
  - WisDOT needs to increase efficiency and reduce waste
  - General public needs to be educated on the funding issue
  - State can no longer kick the can down the road
  - The solution or solutions should have bi-partisan support
  - Wisconsin will need to take a multi-solution approach to solving the transportation funding issue
Reaction to WisDOT Proposal

• Fairly muted
  ➢ As opposed to January 2013 release of Transportation Finance & Policy Commission recommendations, which unleashed a flurry of legislative denunciations

• 1 exception
Sunday, Nov. 23

• CBS “60 Minutes” story – Falling Apart: America’s Neglected Infrastructure

• U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue
Sunday, Nov. 23

- CBS “60 Minutes” story – Falling Apart: America’s Neglected Infrastructure ... U.S. Chamber of Commerce CEO Tom Donohue
Monday, Nov. 24

- WI Manufacturers & Commerce, Cooperative Network, NFIB, Auto/Truck Dealers, Grocers, Housing Alliance, Petroleum Council, Truckers, Restaurants, Petro Marketers/Convenience Stores:
  - "Our respective groups acknowledge the need for revenue increases in the Transportation Fund to meet critical infrastructure improvements. However, we question whether the amount of the revenue increases proposed by the Department of Transportation are appropriate.

  “We are also concerned about some of the proposed funding mechanisms, and the extent to which they may place Wisconsin employers at a competitive disadvantage.”
Coalition’s Next Steps

• Phase II meetings with Governor’s office, Legislative leadership, Joint Finance Committee members
  ➢ Regional meetings
  ➢ District-specific project information
  ➢ Engaging industry members who are CONSTITUENTS

• Executive Budget Proposal expected late Jan./early Feb.

• Full-court press as full Legislature considers budget
Joint Finance Committee

- **Assembly GOP members:**
  - NEW
    - Mary Czaja
    - Irma Oshkosh
    - Amy Loudenbeck
    - Beloit
  - CONTINUING
    - John Nygren
    - Marinette Co-Chair
    - Dale Kooyenga
    - Brookfield Vice-Chair
    - Dean Knudson
    - Hudson

Senate GOP & Assembly/Senate Democratic appointments not yet announced
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- 2015-17 Budget
- Non-Metallic Mining/Zoning
- Workforce Development Initiatives
- Regulatory Reform
QUESTIONS?