Minutes of the Meeting Under s. 13.10

February 16, 2010

Co-chair Pocan presided and called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Present: Senators Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling, Olsen
Representatives Pocan, Colón, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Vos, Montgomery

I. Department of Transportation

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Representative Montgomery to specify that the state shall not provide a subsidy for the Milwaukee to Madison passenger rail service.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12 (Pocan, Colón, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa)

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Representative Montgomery to limit the state subsidy of the Milwaukee to Madison passenger rail service to $7,500,000 in the initial year of service, and, in subsequent years, to an amount equal to $7,500,000 annually adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index. Specify that no such subsidy may be paid from the transportation fund.

Motion ruled dilatory by Co-chair Pocan.

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Representative Montgomery to overrule the Co-chair's ruling.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12 (Pocan, Colón, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa)

Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Representative Montgomery to specify that the state shall not provide funding for capital costs related to the proposed Milwaukee to Madison passenger rail service if the cost of that project exceeds the amount of the federal grant for the project.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12 (Pocan, Colón, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa)
Moved by Representative Vos and seconded by Representative Montgomery to require the Department of Transportation to contract for an independent benefit-cost analysis of the proposed Milwaukee to Madison passenger rail service prior to providing any subsidy for the operating cost of the service.

Ayes, 4; Noes, 12 (Pocan, Colón, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa)

Moved by Senator Robson and seconded by Representative Colón to approve the Governor’s request for $810 million in federal stimulus funds for the Milwaukee to Madison high-speed passenger rail project.

Ayes, 12; Noes, 4 (Vos, Montgomery, Darling, Olsen)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.395(2)(cx).]

II. Department of Transportation

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the request to use $12,000,000 in federal economic stimulus funds for the installation of rail crossovers near the City of Kenosha (Truesdell crossovers) and for the extension of the passenger platform at the Milwaukee Airport Rail Station.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

[Secretary’s Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.395(2)(cx).]

Kirsten M. Grindé, Secretary
Date: 2/23/10

Mark Pocan, Co-Chair
Date: 2/23/2010

Jim Doyle, Governor
Date: 2/22/10